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Biometrics help to identify potential foes

By Donna Miles

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — You can change your name and appearance. You can get phony documents that back up your alias. But it's nearly impossible to escape the personal signature left by your fingerprints.

The same science that's been helping identify criminals for more than 100 years is now helping identify enemies of the United States in the war on terrorism, defense officials told the American Forces Press Service.

"Biometrics," the modern-day term for this science, involves physical and behavioral characteristics that identify a person, explained John Woodward Jr., director of the Defense Department's Biometrics Management Office.

While fingerprints are the longest-used and most-recognized example of biometrics, others include a person's facial features, iris recognition, hand measurements, voice, even gait, Woodward said.

Thanks to computer technology, coming up with positive matches using these factors — once a painstaking manual process that

could take weeks — can now be done within hours, and sometimes almost instantaneously, said Thomas Gandy, director of the Army's Counterintelligence, Human Intelligence, Disclosure and Security Directorate.

The Defense Department is collecting these characteristics — beginning with fingerprints — and entering them into a huge database of known and suspected terrorists. In the long term, it's expected to evolve into a system that identifies people through a full range of biometric characteristics.

The new Automated Biometric Identification System, being built by Lockheed Martin, will consolidate, store and search all fingerprint data collected by DoD, eventually expanding to include other biometric factors, explained Gandy. Staff at the DoD Biometric Fusion Center in Clarksburg, W. Va., will manage the system.

The new system, to be patterned after the FBI's database, will offer something Gandy said the current Biometric Automated Toolset in use by the military since the early 1990s doesn't: full compatibility with other U.S.

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PHOTO BY SGT. ANDREW KOSTERMAN

Biometrics is already a part of many servicemembers' lives. Fingerprints are one of the many characteristics that can identify a person. Prints are stored in military identification cards.

Slipping away



PHOTO BY GALEN PUTNAM

Brian Vassalli, Company A, 527th Military Intelligence Battalion, tries to get away from Sidney Price, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 36th Signal Battalion during the final match of the 8th U.S. Army flag football championship Saturday at Camp Walker's Kelly Field. Company A, 527th Military Intelligence Battalion won the game 20-18 to take home the championship trophy. A total of eight teams, the best two teams from each area, participated in a double-elimination tournament that lasted for three days.

Conference Center opens at Yongsan Main Post Club

By Sua Jun

Area II MWR Marketing

YONGSAN — Soldiers, civilians, retirees and other members of the Area II community now have a top-class training room and conference center available in the Main Post Club Underground, thanks to a \$193,000 makeover.

Richard Shuman, manager of the Main Post Club, said the facility was not used to its potential during daytime operations and he saw an opportunity.

"Since there is limited meeting and training space, I suggested the use of the Underground as a training, conference and banquet center during daytime hours," Shuman said.

Renovations began in August, and took more than two months to complete. Priority was placed on making the room lighter and brighter with new paint and carpet as well as the installation of additional lighting.

Shuman said the facility could maximize daytime operations and increase profits.

Changes offered a friendly ambiance for dinner,

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MP Blotter

The following entries were excerpted from the past several weeks military police blotters. These entries may be incomplete and do not determine the guilt or innocence of any person.

■ Two Soldiers were involved in a verbal altercation which turned physical when one Soldier, brandishing a knife, lunged at the other Soldier and stabbed him in the stomach. The injured Soldier was transported to an urgent care facility and then evacuated to a hospital where he underwent emergency surgery for a laceration to the abdomen and a collapsed lung. The first Soldier was apprehended and waived his legal rights, then rendered a sworn statement admitting to stabbing the second Soldier with his multi-use pocket tool in the stomach during an altercation in the barracks. The second Soldier was in stable condition, but could not be questioned. Investigation continues by USACIDC.

■ Military police recently investigated a curfew violation, failure to provide identification and resisting apprehension. A Soldier was observed at an off-post bar during curfew hours. The Soldier was approached by Korean National Police and identified as a U.S. servicemember. The Soldier fled the club and was pursued by MPs. The Soldier tripped and fell about 50 feet from the entrance of the club, and was apprehended after an attempt to resist arrest. He was transported to the provost marshal office, where he was further processed and released to his unit.

■ Two Soldiers were involved in a verbal altercation which turned physical when one Soldier struck the second Soldier in the face with a closed fist and the second Soldier struck back with a beer bottle to the first Soldiers head. The first Soldier was transported by ambulance to the troop medical command, where he was treated by on-duty medical personnel and released. The second Soldier was apprehended and transported to the provost marshal office, where he was processed and released to his unit. The second Soldier waived his legal rights and rendered a sworn statement admitting to the incident. The first Soldier also waived his legal rights and rendered a sworn statement stating he did not recall the incident.

Court Martial

United States v. Gamble

A panel of officers and senior noncommissioned officers sitting as a general court-martial tried a Soldier Oct. 27-28, from 305th Quartermaster Company, 498th Combat Support Battalion for aggravated assault with a knife by intentionally inflicting grievous bodily harm on another Soldier. The panel found Pfc. Melvin L. Gamble not guilty. Gamble argued that he acted in self-defense after being assaulted.

New dangers with post-dated checks

By Sandy Goss

IMA-Northeast Region

Have you ever written a post-dated check?

Unless you are Donald Trump or Bill Gates you probably have.

Most of us have mortgages or rent payments due on the first of the month. Just last month you might have written your check on the 25th and dated it for the 1st before slipping it in the mail to the bank. You wanted to ensure your check arrived on time and since your Army paycheck hits the bank on the 30th, there's no problem, right? Wrong.

New policy to eliminate leeway

A young Soldier's spouse tries to make it to payday but all the milk for the baby is gone so the parent goes to the commissary and does what generations of folks have frequently done, write a check based upon their "pay coming in tomorrow." It used to be they could get away with this, but after Oct. 28, they're going to get whacked - because the money will be electronically removed from the bank account as soon as the check is presented for payment. If the funds are not there, the check will be 'returned' NSF - with the associated fees.

Checks to be like debit cards

A new law went into effect on Oct. 28, called "Check 21." You can learn about "Check 21" in exhausting detail elsewhere, but in essence, the law effectively changes our paper checks into debit cards. While the banks don't have to, they can cash the check as soon as it is presented for payment (don't tell me that the payable date precludes this, checks are cashed early all the time.) If the money isn't in your account, when you actually write the check, the instant the check is presented for payment, it may bounce. It won't matter if it's for the mortgage or baby formula, your NSF check is returned. A \$30 bounced check fee from the bank and another \$30 from the mortgage company or commissary ... then a "Late Mortgage Payment" goes into your financial history, yada, yada, yada....

Bottom Line Up Front: You can't "float" or "post-date" checks anymore. If you do, it may cost you hundreds of dollars.

Failure to adjust means paying

The advent of the technical ability to instantaneously cash a check, coupled with the ever increasing pressure facing banks to maximize profits (which come from all those nickel and dime fees

everyone complains about, including bounced check charges) will provide a potential windfall of additional "profits" because a lot of people will continue to try and post-date checks or write them based upon what used to be the mechanical, time-consuming check processing practices of years gone by.

It will take these people some time to adjust - which must be viewed as a potential revenue stream for the banks and a potential financial disaster for the unwary. (While the mechanics of processing checks will change - the actual paper checks will never be returned to your bank - the electronic copies of the 'cancelled' checks will be kept for proof of payment.)

As leaders we must ensure that our Soldiers and civilians know that the Army is not the only institution undergoing massive transformation and restructuring. The entire financial industry is changing as well and we need to exhaust all available efforts to ensure that the hard-earned wages of our Soldiers are not squandered on bounced check charges.

We must ensure our Soldiers know this: your check is now a debit card.

Morning Calm Weekly Soundoff:

How have you prepared for Winter?



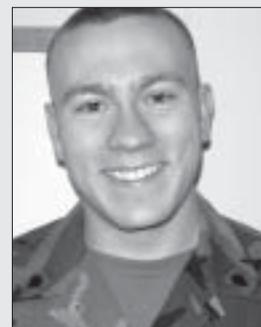
"I don't prepare for the winter. When it comes, it comes."

— Dean Wilson, Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Safety, Area IV Support Activity, Camp Henry



"I try not to wear Gore-tex or polypros until it gets really cold outside"

— Spc. Erica Torres, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Infantry Division.



"Get some winter clothes and eat some fatty foods."

— Spc. James Hesterman, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 20th Support Group, Camp Henry



"I went shopping for winter clothes"

— Pfc. Matt Creed, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Infantry Division.

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NEWS & NOTES

Girl Scouts Registration

Girl Scouts Overseas - Seoul is now registering. Troop meetings will begin soon. Those who are interested in being a Girl Scout this year or an adult volunteer, or would like more information, should contact Trudy Heard at 6355-5060 or e-mail gscseoul@yahoo.com.

Laundry Closed

Yongsan's Quartermaster Laundry will be closed today for the Korean Employees Union foundation day. The laundry will reopen Saturday for individual laundry items and Monday for organizational items.

Scholarships for Military Children

The Defense Commissary Agency's annual Scholarships for Military Children program is now accepting applications for the 2005 program. Applications can be found at base commissaries or on-line at <http://www.militaryscholar.org>. They must be returned to the commissary by Feb. 16. One \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded at each commissary location with eligible applicants.

Post Offices Updates

■ Post offices will remain open on U.S. Forces Korea training holidays. Officials said for mailing convenience, Army Post Offices will be open today and Nov. 26. Contact the local post office for hours of operation.
■ The deadline for holiday mailing for first-class letters and cards sent to the United States is Dec. 11. For packages, officials recommend mailing before Dec. 4.
■ The deadline for holiday mailing for first-class letters and cards sent to Army Post Offices in Europe is Dec. 4. For packages, officials recommend mailing before Nov. 27.
For more information, visit an Army Post Office.

All About Kimchi

The 2004 Kimchi Expo International Festival will be held 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. today-Sunday, at the Agro-trade Center Building in Yangjae-dong. The U.S. Department of Defense, Department of State, DoDDS personnel and family members are invited to this culinary event to learn about to make kimchi, its history, its cultural significance, health value, and to sample various kimchi products and recipes. Admission is free. For more information, call 723-4685, or e-mail deleonc@korea.army.mil.

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Any individual with claims against the estate of Pvt. Micheal A. Kidane should contact Capt. Sean Wood at 736-7809.

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Korean water company quenches USFK's thirst

By Mary B. Grimes

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CHOLWON — Diamond Pure Water. It isn't Army issued, but practically every member of United States Forces Korea, has thirsted for this jewel at one time or other.

Stacked on mopeds, hauled on trucks, and carried in backpacks, the blue and white label is somewhat of an icon around U.S. military installations across the peninsula, and small wonder. Diamond Pure Water Company is the official water supplier to U.S. Forces Korea, and has been serving USFK for more than 25 years.

Tucked away in the mountains in Cholwon-kun, Kangwon-Do, the Diamond plant is located near the Demilitarized Zone. A facility of modest size, the plant is comprised of a staff of 50 employees and technicians whose knowledge of water treatment is as diverse as the customer's they serve.

According to Diamond's Military Sales and Promotions Manager, Yi Yun, "On average, our employees have been on staff for about ten years. They realize the importance of the work they do, and to say that they take their work seriously, is an understatement. A keen eye, and attention to detail are just two elements central to the success of the water treatment and purification process."

The crew's day begins at 8:30 a.m., with each technician going through a thorough decontamination process before they are permitted on the plant floor. Once at their respective stations, the water treatment procedure begins with pressure pumps drawing water from wells, then ushering raw water into storage tanks.

"The water purification process basically entails making certain water is free of any type of impurities, such as micro-organisms or contaminants," said Yi.

He added, "The process is one that contains many steps, and these steps are initiated based on the kind of impurities that may be found in the water."

Finding these impurities, and focusing on the sterilization of the bottles that will eventually be filled and shipped, to offices,



PHOTO BY MARY B. GRIMES

A worker at the Diamond Pure Water Company checks for the sterilization of water bottles at a water distribution plant at Cholwon.

motor-pools, and living quarters throughout USFK, requires dire concentration. Yi said that in addition to bottles being physically inspected for impurities, the technicians also must be on alert for the possible presence of any foreign substance or odors.

"There is a 14-step cleaning and sterilization process that the bottles go through, before they reach that final cleaning process that requires running filtered cleaning water through the empty bottles. Prior to that, however, we have a fairly simple rotary cleaning device that uses hot water, and a washer to clean the bottles inside and out," Yi explained.

At the end of the day, the staff at the

Cholwon plant will have cleaned, processed, and filled more than 6,000 bottles with Diamond pure water, and packaged some 4,000 cases of the thirst quencher—which will be made readily available at any USFK food facility or AAFES exchange on the peninsula.

Stating that the process of water treatment and production can be a profoundly delicate and challenging task, Yi said that Diamond remains as committed to providing USFK and its family members the best possible service today, as it did when it first began nearly three decades ago.

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Moving in

PHOTO BY GALEN PUTNAM

Workers carry furniture into the new barracks scheduled to open soon on Camp Henry. The \$9.5 million four-story structure will house 200 junior-enlisted Soldiers in double rooms and 16 non-commissioned officers in single rooms. The "Two Plus Two" Modified Module rooms offer 200 square feet of living space, latrine area and built-in closet space. The building also features all new furnishings, including the piles of mattresses seen in the background.

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theaters, lectures, and training sessions, said MWR officials. The relocation of the disc jockey stand to the rear of the room provides a better perspective of live entertainment and the stage for controlling sound, light and video presentations. In addition, the facelift included remodeling the men's and women's restrooms.

Furthermore, the Underground designed a separate coat rack to secure personal belongings with greater security.

"We have always had a coat room, but now it is professionally designed and constructed to operate with more efficiency, security and includes greater storage capacity if necessary," Shuman said.

Shuman said he is very impressed with the changes and expects to see the room used more in the future. For more information on how one can reserve the room for any training or conferences, call 723-5678.

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government databases, including the FBI's library of 48 million fingerprints.

Last February, DoD took a major step toward this goal by requiring all military units taking electronic fingerprints from detainees, enemy combatants and other foreign "persons of interest" in the war on terror to ensure they comply with FBI standards, the accepted international standard.

In his memo directing the change, John Stenbit, DoD's chief information officer, called this new standardization and interoperability "key tenants of success" in fighting the global war on terror. The new interoperability will give U.S. forces "a powerful offensive capability," he wrote.

Woodward said fingerprints collected by U.S. troops can now be readily compared against those in the FBI's database, tens of millions of fingerprint records in other U.S. government databases, and those in searchable databases of U.S. allies.

This will give U.S. forces valuable information as they deal with suspicious people on the battlefield, Woodward said. "Has that person been a detainee before? Has that person been arrested in the United States or any of its allied countries?" And just as importantly, he said, "Can this person be tied to other incidents?"

"Our requirement is a lot like the one that developed in the late 19th century in the criminal justice system," said Woodward. "If U.S. forces encounter a person, they want to be able to link that person to previous identities or activities such as previous terrorist acts."

While DoD builds its new Automated Biometric Identification System, it's already finding that biometrics is paying off in the war on terror.

Fingerprints collected by U.S. troops and other government operatives in Iraq and Afghanistan are helping put names and faces to insurgent activities and identify released detainees who have returned to terrorist activity.

Lynn Schnurr, director of information management for the Army's intelligence directorate, told the Pentagon press corps last August about a dramatic example of biometric-systems contributions to the battlefield.

Coalition forces briefly detained an Iraqi man in September 2003, releasing him after taking his fingerprints and entering them into the Biometric Automated Toolset database, Schnurr explained.

Last July, soldiers detained the same man — although he looked dramatically different than he had 10 months earlier and used a different name — under suspicious circumstances. A positive fingerprint match confirmed he was the same man and quickly tied him to the earlier incident despite his denials, Schnurr said.

In another good news story, fingerprints are credited with identifying Mohamed al-Kahtani, the

presumed 20th hijacker in the plans for the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Kahtani didn't initially disclose his identity when he was taken into custody at Naval Base Guantanamo Bay, Cuba—but his fingerprints did. U.S. officials came up with a positive match when they compared the fingerprints taken in Southwest Asia with those taken when he was denied entry into the United States in August 2001.

Woodward called biometric information being collected about detainees and enemy combatants "a national homeland security resource" that can save lives on the battlefield as well as in the United States.

The Department of Homeland Security began using biometrics last summer to screen visa applicants attempting to enter the United States. Under the US-VISIT program, applicants must submit fingerprints and facial photographs.

"This gives us a way to vet people who want to come to the United States," Woodward said. "We can search that information to see if this person has been a detainee."

Woodward said "the appetite for more and better biometrics for an ever-wider string of operations is large."

Visionaries at the Biometrics Management Office foresee a day when troops will have rugged devices so compact they fit into a backpack, but powerful enough to give them what Woodward calls "identity dominance" in a wide range of situations.

"When you're dealing with someone on a foreign battlefield, you want to know who you're dealing with," he said. This applies wherever U.S. forces operate, he said, from military checkpoints to the high seas, as U.S. forces conduct maritime interdiction operations. "People want to know if there's anybody on this who we may have to be wary of because of a terrorist or criminal connection?" Woodward said.

Down the road, biometrics could give U.S. forces capabilities now conceived of only in comic books and superhero films.

Sitting at a dinner table, a servicemember could secretly snap photos of the other guests at the table, beam them to a distant database, and get a positive identification before getting to the dessert course. Flying over a riot scene, a helicopter could positively identify a known terrorist, and then swoop down to make an arrest.

"If you could field that kind of capability yesterday, it would not be soon enough," Gandy said.

Woodward acknowledged that biometrics is "new ground in a lot of ways" but said DoD is making big strides. "It's beyond just a potential capability. It's a real capability," he said.

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Division addresses misuse of official vehicles

By Pfc. JeNell Mattair
2nd Infantry Division Public Affairs

CAMP RED CLOUD — Government vehicles, like all government resources, are authorized for official purposes only. Conducting personal errands like driving to the post exchange or commissary is considered misuse.

Government vehicles are only supposed to be used for military purposes and not for personal use, said Sgt. Shawn Rine, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Infantry Division.

“Misusing government vehicles is wrong for a few reasons,” said Capt. Joshua Berger, 2nd Infantry Division staff judge advocate’s office. “First, the basic principle is that we should use Army money for the Army’s mission, and not for personal gain. Also, the American taxpayers have a special trust in us as public servants not to use the resources that their tax dollars purchased in a wasteful or unauthorized manner.”

Department of Defense directives outline authorities and responsibilities

concerning DoD owned or leased motor vehicles. The directive further states the unauthorized or willful misuse of a DoD motor vehicle shall be cause for disciplinary action.

Not only is using a government vehicle for private purposes wrong, said Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Murrah, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Area I, but it undermines the mission.

“With the low amount of vehicles and the high mileage, it adds (undue) wear and tear,” he said.

“If you are using the vehicle for personal use there is a greater chance it (will) not to be mission capable,” Rine said.

If a Soldier requests a vehicle and plans to use it for personal reasons, it may be the only one the transportation motor pool has, said Sgt. 1st Class Ivan Lagaras, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Area I. Someone else may need it for official duty. In that case, the Soldier is impeding the mission by taking it from someone who needs it.

Transportation should be essential to the successful completion of a military

“Misusing government vehicles is wrong.”

- Capt. Joshua Berger



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY PFC. JENELL MATTAIR

Soldiers risk punishment when they use government vehicles for personal purposes.

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Conference gives hope to Army ideas

Representatives labor over 2004 Area I Army Family Action Plan Conference recommendations

By Pfc. Stephanie Pearson
Area I Public Affairs Office

CAMP CASEY — Fifty Area I Soldiers and civilians got the chance to raise quality-of-life issues they would like to see improved at the 2004 Army Family Action Plan Conference Nov. 4-5.

“The AFAP conference started off as a grass-roots

movement to improve the quality of life, not only for the Army but for the entire military,” said Joseph Gall, Area I Family Action Plan coordinator. “And it’s not just local – some local issues can improve the quality of life globally.”

Fifty delegates volunteered to attend the two-day conference, Gall explained.

“They can be Soldiers, civilians and retirees,” he said. “At this conference, we had delegates ranging from a private to a first sergeant; from a lieutenant all the way to a full-bird colonel. We had a retiree, we had Koreans, we had command-sponsored dependents and noncommand-sponsored dependents. They come together in work groups and talk about issues that affect their quality of life.”

The first day, delegates were divided into five work groups of 10 people each. Each group was assigned a topic to brainstorm; this year’s topics were force support and entitlements; Morale, Welfare and Recreation and entertainment; medical and dental; housing and relocation; and education and community services.

“Issues come in throughout the year,” Gall said. “We have an AFAP issue sheet that people submit. If you have an issue that’s burning in your heart, go to your Army

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PHOTO BY MANNY CHAPA

A Better Opportunities for Single and Unaccompanied Soldiers representative leads a discussion Nov. 4 at the Area I Army Family Action Plan Conference.

ROK assumes JSA security responsibilities

2nd Infantry Division Public Affairs Office

CAMP BONIFAS — Republic of Korea Soldiers took full responsibility for security at the Joint Security Area from the United States in a ceremony here Nov. 1.

Like all other forces in the Demilitarized Zone, they come under the supervision of the United Nations Command.

“I believe this is a positive change,” said Lt. Col. Paul Snyder, UNC Security Battalion commander. “Soldiers from this area have always worked together with ROK Army Soldiers, which has strengthened the ROK and U.S. alliance.”

The JSA has long been a U.S. Army assignment where a chosen few American Soldiers work all hours of the day, 365 days a year.

The handover of the JSA included the handover of Camps Bonifas and Liberty Bell into ROK Army hands.

Camp Bonifas will continue to base a small contingent of the U.S. UNCSB-JSA members and UNC Military Armistice Commission.

Throughout the alliance of ROK and U.S. forces, the demilitarized zone has been guarded by both, with the ROK Army taking over most of the Demilitarized Zone in 1991.

“The UNCSB-JSA has always been a joint task force,” said Col. Shim Dong-hyun, ROK commander at the JSA. “The Soldiers here are ready to face any challenges together.”

NEWS & NOTES

Thrift Savings Plan

Civilian and military employees can sign up for, or change, their Thrift Savings Plan contribution amounts during the open season, now through Dec. 31. For more information, visit www.dfas.mil.

Holiday Project

Area I Army Community Service is conducting the Annual Holiday Project now through Dec. 15. The project provides commissary vouchers during the Christmas holiday for designated Soldiers with family members in Area I. Contact your unit commander or first sergeant to make a donation, or contact your local ACS for more information.

Holiday Seminars

The education centers at Camps Red Cloud and Stanley are offering Good Cheer and Eager Student seminars over the Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving holiday weekends. For schedules and more information, contact your education center.

Family Bowling Day

All military families are invited to bowl for \$1.75 each game at Camp Casey Lanes 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Saturday in support of Military Family Month. Price includes shoe rental.

2BCT Memorial Services

Each 2nd Infantry Division chapel will hold memorial services for fallen 2BCT Soldiers 11 a.m. Nov. 24. Many Thanksgiving services will be postponed until the weekend. Check with your local chapel for more information.

Holiday Meals to Go

Camp Red Cloud Mitchell's Club is selling Thanksgiving family meals. The meal includes a whole roasted turkey, a glazed ham, cranberry sauce, candied yams, country-style dressing, giblet gravy, dinner rolls and a pumpkin pie for \$69.95. Meals must be pre-ordered by Nov. 22.

Native American Heritage Month

The Area I equal opportunity office will host a Native American luncheon 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 22 at Mitchell's Club. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Commissary Holiday Schedule

The Camp Red Cloud commissary will be open Nov. 22 but closed Nov. 25-26 in observance of Thanksgiving.

Newcomers Orientation

The Camp Red Cloud Army Community Service is postponing their November newcomers orientation until Dec. 15.

Drinking Age Change

The legal drinking age for servicemembers in Korea is now 21. No one under 21 years of age may purchase, possess, consume or be served alcoholic beverages, on or off any military installation, in any clubs, or in any military activity in the Republic of Korea. For more information, see U.S. Force Korea Command Letter 46.

Warrior Band Auditions

The 2nd Infantry Division Warrior Band is seeking a female vocalist. Applicants must be E-3 or higher and have at least six months left in Korea. Those interested should contact band operations at 732-6695 or e-mail 2idbands3ops@korea.army.mil.

Tae Kwon Do tourney draws best

Area I Public Affairs Office

CAMP CASEY — The 2004 Warrior Invitational Taekwondo Tournament drew fighters from across Area I and II to the Carey Physical Fitness Center Nov. 6.

In the first bout for the black belt, lightweight semi-final Elish Morphis from Battery B, 6th Battalion, 37th Field Artillery, defeated Peter Baron, Headquarters and Headquarters Company 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 11-5.

The second bout for the black belt, middleweight, semi-final pitted Jason Cornell, Battery B, 6th Battalion, 37th Field Artillery, against Alan Smith, Company B, 302nd Forward Support Battalion. Cornell shutout Smith 10-0.

Thomas Wakefield, Company B, 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment defeated John Greenhan, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 15th Field Artillery Regiment, in the third bout for the black belt, middleweight semi-final, 9-2.

The fourth bout for the yellow belt, heavyweight final saw Michael Harvey, 4th Chemical Company defeat Ronald Green, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 15th Field Artillery Regiment in a close battle, 8-7.

In the blue belt, lightweight final, Kim Nam-soo, 4th Chemical Company, handily defeated Saul Pelayo, Company C, 2nd Battalion 72nd Armor Regiment, 8-0.

In the sixth bout, the red belt, middleweight, final brought victory to Terrance Williams, Troop F, 4th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, over Earle Hudson, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 18th Medical Command, 8-7.

The black belt, lightweight, final between Elisha Morphis, Battery B, 6th Battalion, 37th Field Artillery and Jose Ortiz, Headquarters and Service



PHOTOS BY KIM POK-MAN

Tae Kwon Do competitors meet at Camp Casey's Carey Physical Fitness Center Nov. 6.



John Greenhan, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 15th Field Artillery Regiment (left), faces defeat in the third bout for the black belt, middleweight semi-final against Thomas Wakefield, Company B, 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment.

Battery, 1st Battalion, 15th Field Artillery Regiment, resulted in a victory for Morphis, 7-2.

In bout eight, the black belt, middleweight final, Donald Kimbler, 121st General Hospital, defeated Jung Kyung-bo, Company B, 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 10-5.

In the ninth bout for black belt,

heavyweight final, Wakefield defeated Cornell 8-2.

There were two uncontested winners: Sasha Corrodus, 82nd Engineer Company, for the women's yellow belt middleweight title, and Erik Burnes, Battery D, 5th Battalion, 5th Air Defense Artillery Regiment, in the men's blue belt middleweight.

Imjin pirates celebrate Halloween with orphans

2nd Infantry Division Public Affairs Office

CAMP LAGUARDIA — The day was filled with screams and smiles as the 50th Engineer Multirole Bridge Company celebrated Halloween with orphans Oct. 29 at the Gyeonggi North Children's Temporary Shelter.

The twelve children from the shelter met their hosts outside the company headquarters at Camp LaGuardia. While some shied away, others mixed eagerly with the Soldiers, hypnotized by the Halloween costumes Soldiers were handing out. Soon enough, everyone was dressed up in their own costumes.

Second Lt. Beard Vongretchen, the main coordinator for the event, said it was not easy to find the place to buy the costumes.

"I'm not at home, so I didn't really know where to go find the costumes," he said. "I had to go to Lotte World and Yongsan to get these."

Once they were all dressed up, the children were escorted to the barracks by similarly costumed Soldiers for trick or treating. While the Korean children did not know of American Halloween traditions, they were quick to catch on.

"I love these candies, although I don't really like the red

ones," said Ku Eun-hae, who was dressed as a princess. "This is great. I've never had this much candy before."

"Besides the fact they don't speak English, there's no real difference," said Pfc. John Albertson. "They're cute little kids."

Sgt. Matt White, who was on leave when the planning began, felt this was a great way for Soldiers to reach out.

"I think this is a good for these kids to get out to a different area," he said. "This is also a good way for them to learn about us and the Army. It's an interesting time spent with Koreans, letting them learn about our traditions and way of life. Plus, they're all kids. They just love candy."

After candy, it was time for the haunted house. While some children were able to stride through it valiantly, others were not. Kim Min-shik took one step into the haunted house, then came straight out.

Company commander, Capt. David Stewart, was satisfied with the day's events.

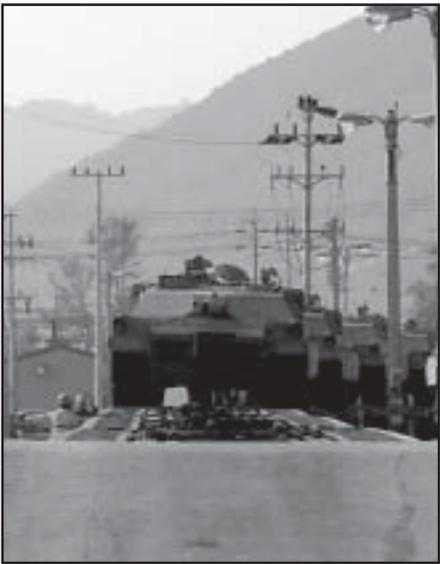
"Our company has a working relationship to give back to those less fortunate than us," he said. "Everytime the holidays come around, we bring them here for activities and put a smile on their face. It's equally beneficial to both, since it lets us get a hand of Korean culture."

Dragons tackle tank turn in



PHOTOS BY PFC. JE NELL MATTAIR

Cpl. George Sheline, 2nd Battalion, 72nd Armor Regiment makes a final adjustment before turn in.



M1A1 Abrams Main Battle Tanks ride atop flatbed rail cars awaiting turn in.

By Pfc. JeNell Mattair
2nd Infantry Division Public Affairs Office

CAMP CASEY — Long days settle into long nights for the Soldiers of 2nd Battalion, 72nd Armor Regiment. Since the first week of August the meticulous work of the relentless Dragon Soldiers has been unending.

Work shifts of 12 hours on and 12 hours off, seven days a week until the end of November, are the reality of each Dragon's duty. The Warriors persistently and patiently take apart tanks, inspect them for defects, and put them back together for tank turn in.

"Tank turn in is a monster," said Capt. Dexter Holley, Company B commander. "It has taken up most of our resources as far as man power goes."

"It takes us 75 days to get the tank

from the beginning to the railhead. The rest of the Army can take up to six months," he said.

The Soldiers are responsible to take each tank from an average of 200 faults to zero, said battalion Command Sgt. Maj. James Daniels. Each platoon could face 800 to 900 faults. They have to make sure the tanks are ready for combat and close to brand new, he said.

The specific tanks the 'Warriors' are working on were used during Operation Desert Storm. These same tanks will be shipped by railway to Busan.

The equipment being shipped goes to locations like Kuwait, in accordance with the needs of the Army.

"I know how important it is to have

good equipment," said Staff Sgt. Jason Crosby. "The tanks are going to our comrades. We want to give them the best product we can.

Every fault must be found and corrected, Johnson said. Because the mission of tank turn in is to ensure each tank is as good as new, Soldiers have to demonstrate an incredible amount of attention to detail.

"It is not like 99 percent is good enough," Johnson said. "Each tank must be 100 percent serviceable."

Servicing the tanks is extremely heavy work, said Daniels. The tank's engine, the same one used on UH-60 Black Hawks, weighs from five to 10 tons and requires a crane to lift.

Every bolt and screw down to the washers must be checked for faults, Holley said. The attention to detail is beyond belief.

Yet, the warriors of Dragon Force drive on. "While tankers and mechanics are in this motor pool, our two infantry companies, the Mad Dawgs and Death Masters along with the Hell Raisers have executed some of the other necessary task force missions," said Lt. Col. John Salvetti, battalion commander.

"I'm incredibly proud of all the hard work the Dragon force Soldiers have put in. It has been a task force effort."

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The turn in of M1A1 Abrams Main Battle Tanks presents a major project for the 2nd Battalion, 72nd Armor Regiment.

Camp Casey officials support retirees, veterans

By Pfc. Stephanie Pearson
Area I Public Affairs Office

CAMP CASEY — The local chapter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, in conjunction with Camp Casey garrison officials, hosted a retiree appreciation day in conjunction with a health and wellness fair at the Camp Hovey Physical Fitness Center Saturday.

"The purpose of today's event is to acknowledge and appreciate retirees and veterans in Area I who have served before us, and also do an outreach to the veterans with the support of all the services who came today," said Lt. Col. Stephen Murray, U.S. Army Garrison, Camp Casey commander.

The event began Saturday morning with a town-hall panel discussion, where retirees and veterans got to raise issues affecting them. After the discussion, the retirees walked around the fitness center, where information booths were set up.

"This event is to bring all of the retirees and veterans in Area I together to get some information on local activities, and let them know what services are available to them as retirees," said retired Sgt. 1st Class Jeff Birckle, commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9985.

Some services represented were: Ration Control and Pass and Identification, Army Emergency Relief and Army Community Services, the Red Cross, the USO, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, and a variety of medical and dental services.

"We have a whole host of people here," said Kenneth Cobb, Area I health coordinator, of the medical services represented. "All of them are important, but there are three things where people can get a very quick reading: blood pressure, cholesterol and diabetes screening. It's all free, and people can get an immediate answer."

James Key, VFW Post 9985 chaplain, explained that it is hard for most local military retirees and



PHOTO BY PFC. STEPHANIE PEARSON

Staff Sgt. Lisa Williams, 702nd Main Support Battalion, gets a blood sample from retired Staff Sgt. Joshua Willoughby to screen for diabetes at the Retiree Appreciation and Health Fair at the Camp Hovey Physical Fitness Center Saturday.

veterans, who still work as government contractors in the area, to get away from work during the day to take care of personnel and medical issues.

"It's not easy for most retirees to be able to get out and visit some of the medical facilities," he said. "The medical aspect of this is ideal."

The event took place less than one week before Veterans Day.

Murray explained the importance of showing support for veterans and retirees.

"I think when Soldiers see that even after serving, they are still recognized and appreciated, it helps the

current force to know they are not forgotten afterwards, they still have benefits, and there are people still advocating for their benefits even after their service.

"One reason it's important to recognize veterans and retirees is because those are the people who believe in the American ideals; they are the foundation of what America is built on," Key said. "The Soldiers serving today are the people that carry it on."

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mission. The use of government vehicles is not authorized for transporting personnel from home to work or vice versa.

“Home-to-work transportation is unauthorized,” Berger said. “Many people do not know that transportation between one’s home and one’s place of work is not considered an official purpose. It may seem that it is official, because you are driving to work, but Congress has specifically said that it is not an official use,” he said. “There is some confusion about this type of use.”

Also, transportation by a government vehicle will not be provided when the justification is based solely on reasons of rank, position, prestige or personal convenience, according to a DoD directive.

“There are a number of possible consequences for misusing government vehicles,” Berger said. “Soldiers can receive adverse administrative action including a reprimand, counseling and relief from their job, as well as punishment under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.”

“Civilian employees can also be counseled, reprimanded, suspended or removed for misusing government resources,” he added.

Noncommissioned officers need to ensure Soldiers are not using Army vehicles for personal use, Rine said.

“Army leadership can do a number of things to prevent misuse of vehicles,” Berger said. “First, they can educate their Soldiers as to what is

authorized and what is not. Of course, they should lead by example and not misuse their vehicles themselves. Also, the leadership can establish clear guidelines and procedures that are designed to ensure that government vehicles are not misused,” he said. “Finally, they can enforce the rules and standards so that people who violate the rules are handled properly.”

Because Soldiers assigned to the 2nd Infantry Division are not allowed personal vehicles, they may lose sight of why they cannot use government vehicles for private use, Murrah said. However, this loss of judgment could lead to trouble.

If a Soldier using a government vehicle is involved in an accident, he could be held responsible for damages, Berger said. If the Soldier who was driving is not at fault, he would generally not have to pay; however, if the Soldier is at fault, he could be held liable for up to one month’s pay. But, if he was using the vehicle for an unofficial use, he could be liable for the full cost of damage or repair.

When a Soldier damages a Korean national’s vehicle, for example, he would not have to pay for the damages to the Korean national’s vehicle if he was using the vehicle for an official purpose.

If, however, he was using the vehicle for a personal errand, he would have to pay for the damage to the Korean national’s vehicle out of his own pocket, Berger said.

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Community Service and tell them you’d like to raise an AFAP issue.”

Delegates spent the first day discussing their topics and identifying areas they would like to improve. Then they organized their recommendations in a slide show they presented to the commanding general on day two. Some of the recommendations this year were:

- Increase the shoppette operating hours so Soldiers can use the facilities before work and late at night.

- Improve taxi service on post.

- Add more recreational activities, including batting cages, paintball ranges, miniature golf courses and skating parks to area bases.

- Bring more and better live bands to Area I, or have organized trips to see popular artists when they perform in Korean venues.

- Give Soldiers and civilians medical referrals to see local Korean health care specialists, so they don’t have to go to the 121st General Hospital in Yongsan.

- Allow dual-military couples stationed together to live together on-post.

- Allow tours to Area I to be accompanied.

- Increase the length of the newcomers orientation to two days, to allow for an easier transition to Korea.

- Increase office hours of personnel services, such as finance and housing, and have them open during lunch hours.

Gall said if any of the issues can be resolved locally, they will.

“A lot of issues brought up today are possibly greater issues that require 8th Army’s involvement to resolve,” said Col. Jeff Christiansen, Area I commander. “If 8th Army can’t resolve it, and they think it’s worthy to go forward, it will go to the Department of Defense general officers steering committee, where such things as legislation and laws can be changed to enact some of the recommendations.”

Gall said these conferences produce results, and pointed to the Servicemembers Group Life Insurance increase from \$50,000 to \$250,000, the creation of the Better Opportunities for Single and Unaccompanied Soldiers program, and even Soldiers being allowed to wear black backpacks as examples of those results.

“Today we addressed the volume and complexity of issues that cut across our entire community,” Christiansen said. “I pledge to you that the Area I command and our AFAP council will get together and start working these issues hard.”

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DOD program provides technology for disabled workers

By Donna Miles

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — A Department of Defense program that provides the technology and services disabled workers need to use computers and other basic office equipment evens the employment playing field for the disabled. It also makes it easier for managers to hire them, said Dinah Cohen, the DOD official who has run the program for the past 14 years.

The DOD Computer and Electronic Accommodations Program “is truly moving the employment of people with disabilities to the next level” and helping DOD reach its goal of increasing employment of disabled people to 2 percent of its civilian work force, Cohen said.

“The biggest impact has been that we have truly changed both the culture and the perception of people’s ability to work in today’s information environment,” Ms. Cohen said. “People now look at people with disabilities as a truly untapped resource that they should take advantage of.”

Since its launch in 1990, the program has filled more than 40,000 requests for accommodations for people with disabilities, she said.

This equipment, referred to as “assistive technology,” ranges from Braille terminals to computers that enable people to make telephone calls to special keyboards for people who cannot use traditional ones.

The program’s Technology Evaluation Center at the Pentagon showcases much of this technology so disabled workers, as well as their managers, are able to see it, either in person or by videoconference. The center staff also conducts needs assessments to help disabled workers determine which assistive technology and services might work best for them.

“It totally demystifies how people with disabilities can be a part of today’s work force,” Cohen said. This, she said, makes it easier for managers “to tap into this wonderful pool of people and say, ‘I’m going to hire you.’”

“We level the playing field for the employment of people with disabilities by providing assistive technology free of charge to that manager for that employee,” she said.

Two of the program’s newest areas

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Tobacco cessation classes offered

By Ok Hee-suh

Health Promotion Program, Coordinator

YONGSAN — According to the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, tobacco use is the single most preventable cause of disease and death in the United States. Smoking results in more deaths each year than AIDS, alcohol, cocaine, heroin, homicide, suicide, motor vehicle crashes and fires all combined.

The leading causes and actual causes of death in the United States during 2000 are listing in the graph below

Despite continued warnings from public health advocates about the dangers of smoking, nearly 25 percent of U.S. adults still continue to smoke. The recently published 2002 Department of Defense Survey of Health Related Behaviors Among Military Personnel show the smoking

rate in the Army increased from 29.9 percent in 1998 to 33.8 percent in 2002.

In a survey of more 3,800 USFK servicemembers during 2002-2003, 7 out of 10 who use tobacco products said they were interested in quitting. This is good news because it means most tobacco users know the negative health consequences of tobacco use — lung, mouth and throat cancer, emphysema, heart disease, and perhaps impotence or infertility to name a few — and they want to quit. Quitting tobacco use is more important for military members since smoking negatively impacts soldier readiness by increasing injuries and the need for water, and by decreasing lung capacity, mental acuity, stamina, night vision and fine motor coordination.

Many who have tried to quit using tobacco will agree quitting is not easy. 18th Medical Command Health Promotion Coordinators conduct classes and provide the necessary help

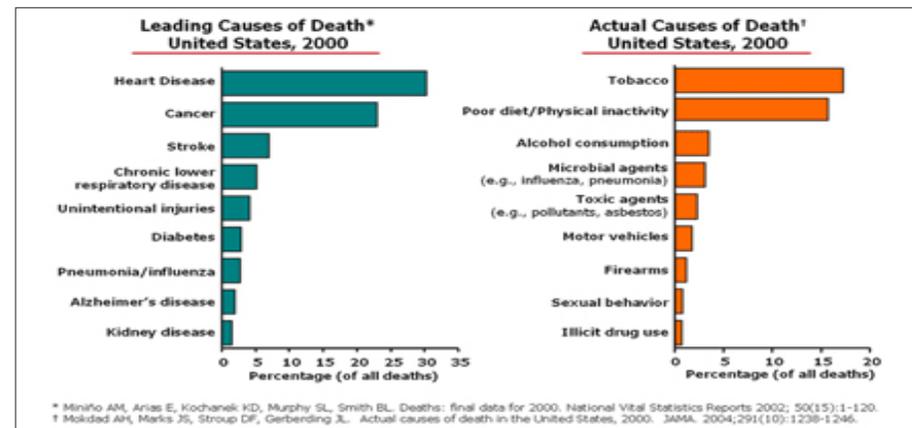
for individuals who want to quit. Since June 2001, more than 1,400 Soldiers took advantage of the classes. Among those who responded to follow up surveys after attending the classes in Area II, 47 percent said they were not using tobacco six months later.

The program is a series of four one-hour group sessions. During the classes, participants assess their level of nicotine addiction, build motivation to stop smoking, learn how to deal with cravings for tobacco, withdrawal symptoms to look for and how to prevent and minimize them, and how to prevent weight gain and relapse. Participants also develop a support network to help each other while going through the tough times.

Use of medicine, such as the nicotine patch, nicotine gum or the “pill” (an antidepressant medication) is discussed in the class. The medications relieve some of the withdrawal symptoms. However, they are not safe for everyone and they are not “magic pills.” It still takes lots of hard work to stay “tobacco-free.” Attending all the sessions, learning the skills discussed in the classes and putting the skills into practice contribute significantly to success rate.

The environment is very important in fostering a smoke-free attitude. Many who attended the smoking cessation program stated they feel

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Singer: Music promotes friendship between Korea and United States

By Pvt. Seo Ki-chul

Area II Public Affairs Office

YONGSAN — In appreciation of U.S. Soldiers’ contributions to peace-keeping throughout the peninsula, the Korea America Friendship Society hosted friendship concert Oct. 29, at the Seoul American High School auditorium.

The choir performed the famous Korean folk song, ‘Arirang’ with chorus.

“The music was absolutely beautiful. It was just beautiful. All of it was so wonderful. We can not pin point it to one part,” said Area II Command Sergeant Major Kevin Witt.

Soloist Soprano Lee Jung-ae, showed a performance on the stage singing ‘O Mio Babbino Caro’ and ‘Because Song.’

“I have been participating for last three years and I always feel that the



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Kang, Moo-Lim, Tenor and Lee, Jung-Ae, Soprano perform with Anyang Civic Professional chore in chorus while holding his and her hand.

response of the audience in Yongsan is awesome,” said Lee. “I think the cultural interchange between Korea and America is the best way to

improve our relationship.”

At the end of the concert, in

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Commander's Hotline

A Commander's hotline e-mail address, areaitownhall@korea.army.mil, is available. For more information, call 738-5017.

New Hours at Yongsan Commissary

Yongsan Commissary now have new holiday hours.

Nov. 22	Open	10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Nov. 25 - 26	Closed	
Dec. 20	Open	10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Dec. 24	Open	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Dec. 25	Closed	
Dec. 27	Open	10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Dec. 31	Open	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Jan. 1	Closed	

ACAP Briefing

If your unit is in Area II and you would like an ACAP briefing at your facility, contact the ACAP manager, Laddie Broz. Briefings usually last about one-half hour depending on unit participation. They can be held 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 738-7322.

Army Substance Abuse Program

Army Substance Abuse Program provides comprehensive substance abuse treatment as well as prevention training and education for all residents in Yongsan and Area II. ASAP is located in building 5531. For more information, call 736-5060.

All About Kimchi

The 2004 Kimchi Expo International Festival will be held 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. today-Sunday, at the Agro-trade Center Building in Yangjae-dong. U.S. Department of Defense, Department of State, and DoDDS personnel, and family member members are invited to this culinary event to learn the fine art of making kimchi, its history, cultural significance and health value, and to sample various kimchi products and recipes. Admission is free. For more information, call 723-4685 e-mail to deleonc@korea.army.mil

Post Offices Open on USFK Training Holidays

Army Post Offices will be opened on the following USFK Training Holidays, November 12 and 26. For more information, contact your local post office.

New Hours at Collier Field House

The new hours at Collier Field House are 5 a.m. - 11 p.m., Monday - Friday and 24 hours a day on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

Warrior Rocket

The Engagement Skills Trainer on Camp Stanley is located right beside the Thunder Inn Building 2249. The EST offers training on a variety of weapons systems; M-16A2, M-203, AT-4, M-9, M-4, M-240 and the M-249. It also offers a variety of real life situations; night firing, NBC firing, close combat, military police scenarios, and plenty of other training scenarios. The EST is usually open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday- Friday. Call Staff Sgt. Staley at 732-4606, 732-5353 or go to Public Folder, Korea Public Folder, Unit Folder, 2ID Folder, DIVARTY Folder, DIVARTY S-3 Folder, EST Folder and Usage Calendar to for more information.

Dining facility receives Connelly award

By Sgt. Donald Smith

1st Signal Brigade Public Affairs Office

YONGSAN — The Warner-Patterson Dining Facility staff at Camp Colbern were recognized as having the best Small Garrison Facility in Area II during the 2004, 37th Annual Philip A. Connelly competition.

"The Connelly Award provides recognition for excellence in the preparation and serving of food in Army troop dining facilities and during field kitchen operations," said Sgt. 1st Class Michael Walker, dining facility manager. "Cooks don't get a lot of awards, but this is one that means a lot."

Although the competition evaluators

look into various areas of a facility's operations, such as meal preparation, food service and sanitation, Walker said actually being judged was just a normal day for the staff.

"We didn't do anything special," he said. "These are all things we do on a daily basis to give soldiers an adequate meal."

Walker said winning in the Area II Connelly competition, a second place finish in the Eighth U.S. Army competition and a Brigade "Dining Facility of the Quarter" award, demonstrated that the food service training program fully prepared personnel to compete and win. This is Walker's second time to win the Connelly, and he noted that to compete

provides a morale boost that goes beyond just the dining facility.

"It's a good feeling for a Soldier to come inside a dining facility on a daily basis and know he can get a good quality meal," he said.

The Connelly Award was instituted in 1968 as a method to improve Army food service quality and provide recognition for excellence in food preparation and food service. The award is named after Philip A. Connelly, a former president of the International Food Service Executives Association, a food service trade organization dedicated to raising standards throughout the food service industry.

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smoking is well tolerated in the 8th U. S. Army, regulations are not enforced and cigarettes are cheaper and more accessible than in the States. Some felt that smokers are allowed to take more breaks than non-smokers, and they do not see an incentive to stay smoke-free under their current work situations.

Any individual who wants to attend smoking cessation classes can call the Area Health Promotion Coordinators

or Community Health Nurse listed below for the dates and locations of the next class.

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return for audience's enthusiastic response, the choir performed an encore not scheduled to be performed during the concert.

"I participated in this concert for the first time and I loved it," said Oh, Sei jong, choir conductor. "I strongly believe that music is a unique language which has no barrier."

The concert has been held annually since 1995, except in 2001 because of the terrorist attacks in the United States. Park Keun, president of Korea America Friendship Society, said that he is very happy to a concert and hopes to hold many events beneficial to two country's relationship in future.

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PHOTO BY SEO, KI-CHUL
Conductor Oh Sei-jong and his choir perform at the Seoul American High School auditorium.

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focus on wounded servicemembers returning from deployments and employees who develop disabilities, whether through aging, accidents or other causes. Both are geared to helping them adapt to their disabilities and remain employable.

"You don't throw away talented people. You accommodate them," Cohen said. "And that's where I think we have a very strong focus: making sure people stay competitive and are accommodated throughout their employment lifecycle."

DOD has long been a leader in recognizing the strengths disabled people bring to the mix, she said.

"DOD understands the value of its people and its resources," she said. "They know that we have to have the smartest and the best, ready every day, all the time."

This includes making the fullest use of all its employees, including those with disabilities, whom Cohen said tend to be "really good problem solvers."

"We have to be. This world wasn't designed for people with disabilities," Cohen said. "So as a disabled person myself, I am always thinking, what happens if ... ? I have to have a Plan A, a Plan B (and) think through different scenarios that

can become potential problems that may be very personal to me."

Since 2001, the program has served not just DOD, but also 61 other federal agencies in partnership, Cohen said.

"We pay for their accommodations because we feel a commitment to ensure that people have the assistive technology they need to be part of today's work force," she said.

For more information about the program, visit its Web site or call (703) 681- 8813. The TTY number for the hearing impaired is (703) 681-1881.

Army culinary team wins international gold

By Travis Edwards

Army News Service

FORT LEE, Va. — After seven days of intense competition on the world's stage, the U.S. Army Culinary Arts team brought home the gold medal in both the cold table layout and hot food competition.

The Army team took second place overall in the World Culinary Olympics in Erfurt, Germany last week.

"The food service warriors of the U.S. Army Culinary Arts Team drew upon all of their leadership skills for their battle in the International Culinary Olympics, and without even blinking an eye exceeded the standard," said Lt. Col. Don Vtipil, director, Army Center of Excellence, Subsistence, Fort Lee, Va. "I think it is important to note that like all other Army teams, the culinary team excelled in its drive for excellence."

Sanctioned by the German Chefs Association, the Culinary Olympics is held every four years. This year, 11 national military teams from Europe, South Africa and North America participated.

The military teams compete against an international standard in an attempt to earn a bronze, silver, or the coveted gold medal in their specific contest.

"The Culinary Olympics gives Soldiers the opportunity to compete with a variety of cultures; it expands the diversity of the food service industry in the U.S., and increases positive relations with other countries," said team member Sgt. Rene Robidoux, Fort Bragg, N.C.

The military Culinary Olympics are held in conjunction with the International Culinary Olympic competition, which plays host to 32 national teams bringing 1,200 competitors to the event.

"These culinary professionals are warriors first and artists second," Longstaff said. "Almost half of the U.S. Army Culinary Arts team has either recently

returned from a deployment or will deploy in the next few months."

The popularity of this world event is reflected in the more than 40,000 attendees who visited the venue.

"The experience of meeting and competing with Soldiers from 10 other countries and gaining an understanding of how other armies train and cook is an experience that our Soldiers will take with them for the rest of their lives," said Longstaff.

"They train hard, live the Army values and take on the elements of the battlefield with rigor and honor," said Vtipil. "It was simply spectacular to watch them work in unison to win the gold medals."

The USACAT team began the competition with the cold table layout, earning 10 gold medals and 11 silver medals for outstanding display, featuring the U.S. Army Cavalry. The medal count shattered previous medal counts from the competition in 2000.

The team entered 15 centerpieces with each one earning a medal, a feat never before achieved by the American team. This earned the table the highest score in the competition and the gold medal.

"At this level of competition, team work is the most important asset you can have. The team cannot win without it," said Sgt. 1st Class Rene Marquis, team expeditor, Fort Shafter, Hawaii. Every person on the team has to pull his weight so the team can all climb to the top of the mountain to get the gold, together, she added.

In the next event, the team prepared two pre-selected three-course meals on a German army field kitchen system known as the "Karcher Kitchen." The field kitchen team had to prepare 150 hot meals that were served to spectators while being judged by an international team of judges.

Overall the team finished second in the points total but dominated the medal count with 16 gold medals and 17 silver medals, a record that will be hard to beat, said Vtipil.

Experience Greater Seoul

USO Tours

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■ Seoul City Night Tour – 3:45 - 10 p.m. , Saturday

■ Show and Dinner (Korean Traditional Stage at Chongdong Theater – 3 a.m. - 7 p.m. Sunday

For more information, call the Seoul USO office at 02-792-3380 or go www.uso.org/korea/

Royal Asiatic Society Tour

■ Tongdo-Sa and Haein-Sa Tour – Saturday - Sunday

■ Chorwon Bird Watching Tour – Nov. 20

■ Land of Exile Tour (South Chollado) – Nov. 20 - 21

■ Inner Seorak & South Seorak Rhapsody Tour

Nov. 27-28

For more information, Call 02-763-9483 or visit www.raskb.com.

Entertainment

■ Ballet – Pantomime Ballet Theater of Tivoli from Denmark will be performed Saturday, 3 p.m. , Sunday, 5 p.m. Saturday to Sunday at the Seould Arts Center. For more information, call 02-541-6234.

■ Concert – Prime Philharmonic Orchestra Regular Concert will be performed 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Seoul Arts Center. For more information, call 031-392-6422.

■ Opera – 'L'elisir D'amore' will be performed Weekdays 7:30 pm / Sun. 4 p.m. Nov. 21 - 25 at the Seoul Arts Center. For more information, call 02-586-5282.



Community Events, Classes and Meetings

Information Seminar

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. will host an information Seminar 2:30 - 5 p.m. Nov. 27 in the Army Community Service Classroom, Building 4106, Yongsan, South Post to provide information about the fraternity. For more information, call 736-7322.

Become a better speaker

Learn to become a better speaker through Toastmasters, 7 p.m. every Tuesday, at the Moyer Community Services Center, 2nd Floor Red Cross conference room. For more information, call 011-9228-4175 or e-mail mnettrour@mailblocks.com. Toastmasters is a public speaking club dedicated to improving member's public speaking and leadership abilities. One can find out

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more about Toastmasters, by visiting their Web site, <http://www.toastmasters.org>.

Thanksgiving Golf Trip to Australia

The United Services Organization is hosting an international golf gateway to Australia, Nov. 19-27. Call the USO for more information, 724-7781.

Program funding opportunity

The Armed Forces Spouses' Club seeks to support worthy projects or needs. Through its American Projects program, AFSC donates to organizations serving the USFK population including Soldiers, DoD civilians and their families who reside in the community. Any organization or individual that serves the USFK population may request assistance from the AFSC. Applicants should allow a 2-month process for the request. To submit a request, contact the AFSC American Projects Chairperson, Nancy Donahue at 736-5236.

AFSC looking for volunteers

American Forces Spouses Club is looking for volunteers to give back to the community. For more information, call 738-7327 or 736-8119.

Meeting for overweight people

Weight management support group

meetings are 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. the first and third Mondays of each month. For more information, 736-3029.

Quit smoking

A Smoking Cessation Clinic hosts new groups every month for four one-hour group sessions. Medication is an option with all four classes. Free to participants and self-referral preferred. For more information, call 736-6693 or e-mail Ok.Suh@kor.amedd.army.mil.

Royal Asiatic Society

Lecture meetings are held in the Daewoo Building, 8th Floor (near Seoul Train Station). For more information, call 02-763-9483 or go to www.raskb.com.

Girl Scouts looking for volunteers

The Girl Scouts are looking for volunteers. Training is available. For more information, call 796-5942 or email go_girlscout@yahoo.com or edna2109@aol.com.

Religious activities

Women's Tres Dias Weekend

Women's English speaking Tres Dias weekend will be held today - Sunday at the Religious Retreat Center. For more information, call 738-5556 or email

DorseyE@korea.army.mil.

Catholic Religious Retreat

Women's 48th English Speaking Cursillo will be Nov. 18-21 at the Religious Retreat Center. The retreat is a three days of prayer, reflection, praise, worship, fellowship and building Christian Community. For more information call 02-319-2683 or e-mail behrends1@hotmail.com.

Men's Speaking Tres Dias Weekend

The 43rd Men's English speaking Tres Dias will be Dec. 2-5, at the Religious Retreat Center. Obtain applications on-line at www.seoultresdias.org or at the South Post and Hannam Chapels. For more information, e-mail Edward.Salazar1@korea.army.mil or Edward.Salazar1@us.army.mil.

Learn to be a better husband and leader

Men of the Morning Calm holds Bible studies for Area II men who want to learn to be better husbands and leaders in their community. Bible studies are held at the South Post Chapel 6 a.m. every Tuesday. Also, there is a men's breakfast 8 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month at the South Post Chapel. For more information, e-mail jay.grandin@us.army.mil.



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ESSAYONS 732-9008	No Show	Exorcist: The Beginning	No Show	Vanity Fair	Friday Night Lights	No Show	The Cookout
GABRY OWEN 734-2509	No Show	Friday Night Lights	Suspect Zero	Vanity Fair	The Cookout	No Show	Anacondas: Hunt for Blood Orchid
HENRY 768-7724	Cellular	Friday Night Lights	Friday Night Lights	Paparazzi	No Show	No Show	No Show
HUMPHREYS 753-7716	Surviving Christmas	Surviving Christmas	Surviving Christmas	Cellular	Cellular	Paparazzi	Paparazzi
HIALEAH 763-3120	Friday Night Lights	Open Water	Anacondas: Hunt for Blood Orchid	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show
HOVEY 730-5412	Vanity Fair	Surviving Christmas	Anacondas: Hunt for Blood Orchid	Napoleon Dynamite	Surviving Christmas	Cellular	Cellular
HOWZE 734-5689	Friday Night Lights	Manchurian Candidate	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show
KUNSAN 782-4987	Taxi	Taxi	Cellular	No Show	Cellular	Paparazzi	Paparazzi



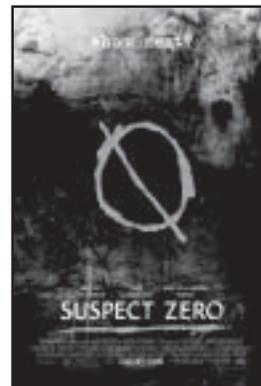
Surviving Christmas — A rich record executive (Ben Affleck) stuck with spending Christmas alone (after his girlfriend, played by Morrison, dumps him) decides to return to the one place where he was once happiest, his childhood home, asking the family that lives there now to take him in for their holiday celebrations, but he discovers that his new "family" is even more psychopathic than his real kin.



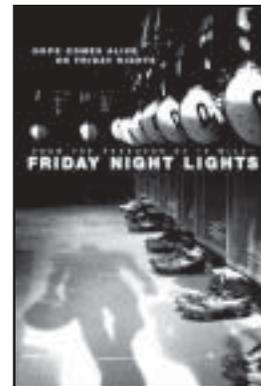
Anacondas — On an expedition Borneo, scientists are in search of a flower named the blood orchid. Reports say it can lead to longer life. But what they find inhabiting the rainforest of Borneo are a group of anacondas. They aren't ordinary. The blood orchid made the anacondas longer, faster, and smarter. Now scientists must find a way out of the rain forest by outsmarting, outrunning and outliving the anacondas.



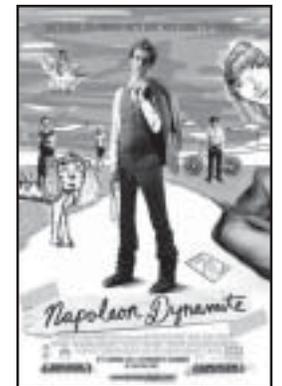
Ray — A musical biographical drama of American legend Ray Charles. Born in a poor town in Georgia, Ray Charles went blind at the age of seven shortly after witnessing his younger brother's accidental death. Inspired by a fiercely independent mother who insisted he make his own way in the world, Charles found his calling and his gift behind a piano keyboard.



Suspect Zero — When an FBI agent violates a serial killer's rights, the killer goes free and the agent is demoted. On the first day at his new job, he investigates a murder, which turns out to be the first of three seemingly random killings. Or perhaps, they are not random at all; the last to die is the agent's nemesis. The assignment consumes him.



Friday Night Lights — A straight arrow coach leads his team to the 1988 Texas state semifinals in Odessa, where high school football is king. Expectations of classmates, coaches, family, and community members exact a toll on the athletes central to the story. Economic and racial undertones pervade this adaptation of H.G. Bissinger's book by the same name.



Napoleon Dynamite — A quirky teenager grows up in the remotes of Idaho with a love for dancing and the way of the ninja. Napoleon is really just trying to understand his life while living with his Uncle Rico, whose shady business deals are just some of the things that make Napoleon's social life in small-town Idaho all the more difficult.

AAFES THEATER	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
LONG 721-3407	First Daughter	No Show	First Daughter	Open Water	No Show	No Show	No Show
OSAN 784-4930	Ray	Ray	Ray	Cellular	Cellular	Paparazzi	Paparazzi
PAGE 721-5499	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show
RED CLOUD 732-6620	Surviving Christmas	Anacondas: Hunt for Blood Orchid	Anacondas: Hunt for Blood Orchid	Napoleon Dynamite	Paparazzi	No Show	Ray
STANLEY 732-5565	Cellular	Cellular	Paparazzi	Paparazzi	No Show	Ray	Napoleon Dynamite
YONGSAN I 738-7389	Ray	Ray	Cellular	Cellular	Cellular	Paparazzi	Paparazzi
YONGSAN II 738-7389	Thunderbirds	Thunderbirds	Napoleon Dynamite	Vanity Fair	Vanity Fair	Vanity Fair	Vanity Fair
YONGSAN III 738-7389	Cellular	Cellular	Napoleon Dynamite	Napoleon Dynamite	Napoleon Dynamite	The Cookout	The Cookout

God's language: The language of love

Chaplain (Maj.) Jim King

Director, U. S. Army Religious Retreat Center

YONGSAN — “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father’s commands and remain in His love. I have told you this so that My joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.” (John 15:9-13)

Studying languages is challenging and enjoyable. As I have traveled in various parts of the world, some of the fullest pleasures came as I tried to speak with people in their own native languages. I enjoyed tea with shopkeepers in the Middle East, while learning to count to ten in Arabic. My taxi driver in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, patiently spoke with me in an elementary-

school level conversation. Sometimes I even manage to confuse myself and others when speaking my own native language, American English! Now my friends in Korea are teaching me to make new sounds that will someday be words and sentences. I am like a baby just learning to speak.

Learning languages is an expression of love. I enjoy languages because they allow me to interact with and understand people. What language does God speak? Does God speak in the precision of German? Does God use the passion of Korean? Does God express the melodic rhythms of Spanish? Does God talk with the practicality of American English? God uses all of these languages, and more; but God is not limited to any of them. It excites me to learn a few words in any language, but God is fluent in all languages! God is fluent in all languages because God speaks a universal language: God speaks the language of love.

Some try to put words of other languages in God’s mouth. Their words are foreign to God. Some speak hatefully, even though God’s command is to love. Others confuse love with permissiveness, using the idea of a loving God to justify any kind of behavior. Still others attempt to use God’s Word to divide God’s people, condemning those who are not like them. We must be wary of those who replace God’s language of love with their own words.

God is the greatest language Instructor. God does not teach us to speak in English or Korean, German or Spanish or Arabic. God does not teach us to speak hatefully, or permissively, or judgmentally. God teaches us to speak in love. To communicate in a language that everyone can understand, we will have to speak God’s language of love.

Area II Worship Services

Protestant

Contemporary	Sunday	10 a.m.	Multipurpose Training Facility
Episcopal	Sunday	10 a.m.	Memorial Chapel
Church of Christ	Sunday	2 p.m.	South Post Chapel
United Pentecostal	Sunday	1 p.m.	Memorial Chapel
Church International			
Collective	Sunday	8 a.m.	Memorial Chapel
		9:30 a.m.	121 Hospital Chapel
		9:30 a.m.	Hannam Village Chapel (Korean)

Collective	Sunday	6 p.m.	South Post Chapel
		1 p.m.	Camp Colbern Chapel
Korean	Tuesday	6 p.m.	Camp Colbern Chapel
	Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Memorial Chapel

Catholic

Mass	Sunday	8 a.m.	South Post Chapel
		11:30 a.m.	Memorial Chapel
	Tuesday	12:05 p.m.	121 Hospital Chapel
		7 p.m.	South Post Chapel
			Memorial Chapel

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Steep stairs lead to a cave at a Buddhist hermitage in Seoraksan National Park. The park offers scenic vistas, caves, waterfalls, trails to Buddhist temples and more.



Hiking Seoraksan

Area III Public Affairs Office

Seoraksan National Park is a perfect place to get the feel for hiking in Korea. Pull some colorful knee socks up over your trousers, slip on those hiking boots, add a vest and hat, grab a few friends and head to Seoraksan National Park on the east coast to experience how Koreans and adventurous tourists hike the “Korean Alps,” as the mountains of Gangwon Province are known.

“There are routes for casual day-hikers and challenging peaks for hardcore climbers,” said Capt. Mike Endres, an accomplished climber and chief nurse at the Camp Humphreys Health Clinic.

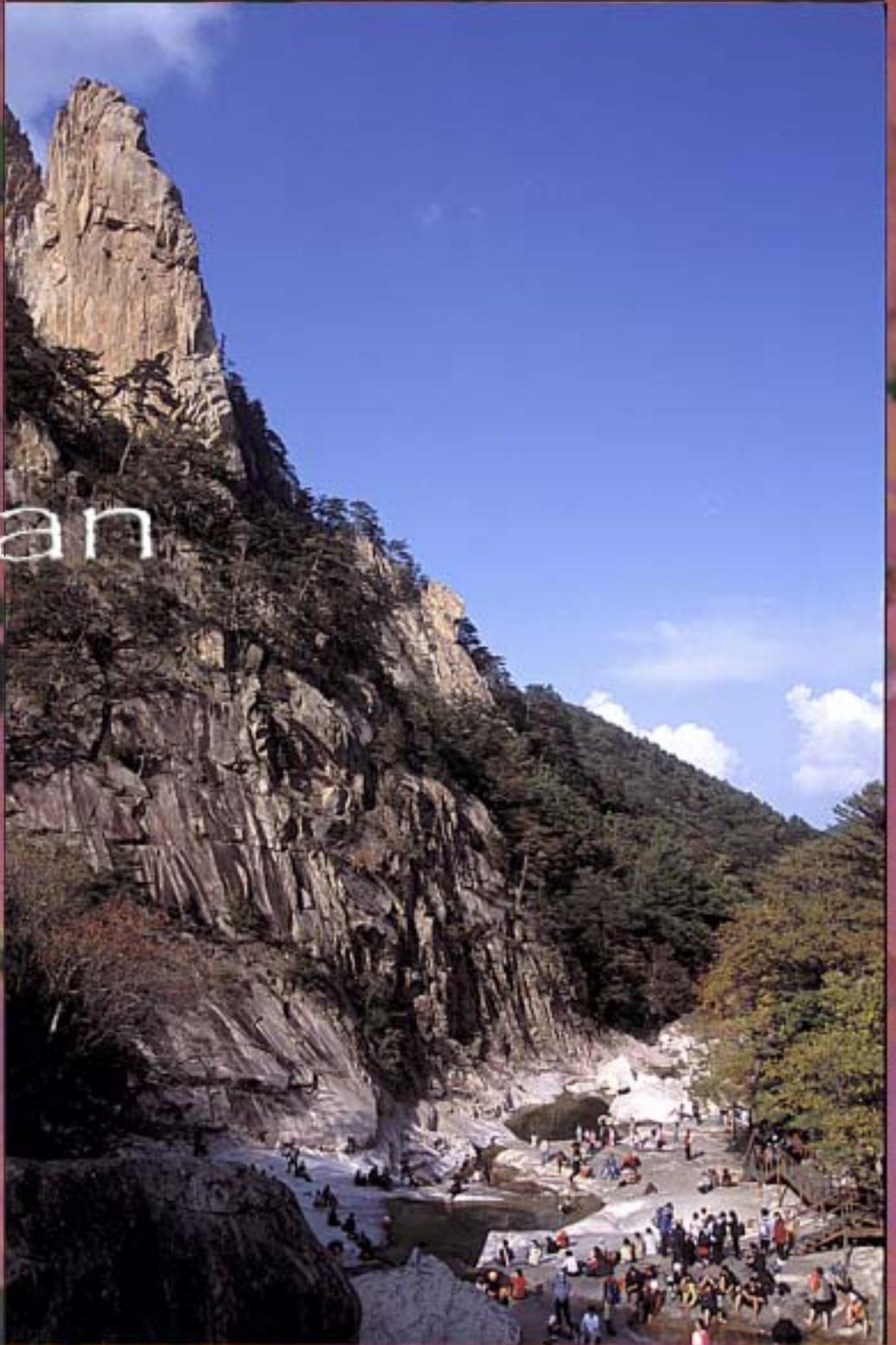
Caves, waterfalls, mineral springs and Buddhist temples and shrines are sprinkled throughout the park. The eastern “Outer Seorak” area draws most tourists. From the Seorakdong resort complex there, non-hikers can take a cable car to the towering Bisondaek, known as “Flying Fairy Peak.”

At “Inner Seorak,” those looking for a real workout can tackle Seoraksan, the “Snow Peak Mountain.”

Endres said the park has something for everyone.

“Seorakdong resort, where most people stay, has deluxe hotels or less expensive yogwan inns, good dining, entertainment and trails for hikers of all abilities,” he said. “Inner Seorak, with steep trails and towering rock walls is for more accomplished climbers.”

He advises hikers to assess their abilities and watch the weather before trekking off the beaten paths.



Hikers visit Seoraksan National Park to enjoy fall colors and an energizing trek.

PHOTOS BY MIKE ENDRES



Fall leaves form a colorful pattern.



Hikers enjoy a colorful autumn trail.



Colorful foliage lures tourists to Seoraksan National Park.



Hikers pause in a cave near a Buddhist temple.

If you go...

■ Perhaps the easiest way to tour is to take a tour with USO Leisure Travel. The USO offers package tours that do all the work of driving, booking an hotel and offering expert advice by qualified tour guides.

■ The Korea National Tourism Organization also offers package tours to Seoraksan and other popular destinations. Visit the KNTTO Web site at www.tour2korea.com

■ If you decide to strike out on your own, take the Yeongdong Expressway toward the east coast town of Gangneung and follow signs to Sokcho and Seoraksan National Park. Buses also leave from express bus stations in Seoul and other major cities.



Pro Shop Sale

The Camp Red Cloud Pro Shop is having a sale on clothing, balls, clubs, hats, shoes and accessories through Nov. 30. For more information, call 732-6843.

Video-game tournament

Camp Red Cloud Better Opportunities for Single and Unaccompanied Soldiers will host the Madden video-game tournament at Mitchell's club 7 p.m. Saturday. Registration is at the Community Activity Center. This event is open only for the first 30 players. The final two players win AAFES gift certificates. For more information, contact your BOSS representative or call 732-6246.

Soccer Championship

Warrior sports will host the Warrior Division Post Level Soccer Championship at Camp Red Cloud Field Saturday, Sunday. For more information, visit a local fitness center.

Mitchell's Disc Jockey

Rythym & Blues disc jockey DJ Hollywood performs at Mitchell's club Friday and Saturday nights. DJ Hollywood will provide entertainment 9 p.m. until closing. For more information, call 732-8189.

Football Screening

Camp Red Cloud's Mitchell's Club screens National Football League football games every Tuesday. Buffalo wings and beverage specials are offered during the games. For more information, call 732-8189.

Car Wash Service

Area I Morale, Welfare and Recreation Service Division offers a 24-hour car wash at Camp Mobile. The car wash is self-service and accepts 500-won coins only. For more information, call 730-3928.

Thanksgiving To Go

Camp Stanley Reggie's club will serve a traditional Thanksgiving Day dinner "to go" Nov. 25. Carry-out service must be ordered before Nov. 20, and must be paid for in advance. Tickets are now on sale. For more information, call 732-5485.

Playgroups for Children

Yongsan Playgroups is now accepting new members. The group plans play dates, educational activities and field trips for families with infants, toddlers and preschoolers in Yongsan and Hannam Village areas. E-mail joyner57@hotmail.com for membership information.

Football fans cheer, thank Purple Heart recipients

By Sgt. Lorie Jewell

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Just a month ago, a rocket-propelled grenade blew through Sgt. Orlando Gill's right leg as he stood outside his vehicle during a patrol in Ar Ramadi, Iraq.

Gill, 31, sat in a wheelchair on the 50-yard line at FedEx Field Oct. 31, flanked by two other injured Operation Iraqi Freedom Soldiers — Spc. Rosetta Floyd and Cpl. Norman Jones — taking in thunderous cheers and applause from thousands of football fans.

The Soldiers received lifetime memberships into the Military Order of the Purple Heart during a half-time ceremony at the Washington Redskins home game against the Green Bay Packers. From the stands, an impromptu, unified chant of "U.S.A., U.S.A" struck an emotional chord with the Soldiers.

"I got choked up," Gill admitted. "With all those people cheering, it was a great feeling."

Gill, of A Battery, 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery out of Korea, was on his second OIF tour when the RPG ripped his leg Oct. 2 and exploded on the street behind him, forcing an above-the-knee amputation. Seeing thousands of football fans on their feet, applauding and cheering for the Soldiers, took Gill by surprise.

"It just shows that while a lot of people might oppose what's going on, they support the Soldiers," he said.

Floyd, a 28-year-old medic from Fort Hood, Texas, was attached to Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 12th Regiment of the 1st Cavalry Division, when she was injured Aug. 25. Taking a break in a Sadr City compound, Floyd — a single mother to five children — was chatting with a friend about their children when a mortar round surprised them, impacting about five feet away. Her friend was killed instantly; Floyd was left with shrapnel wounds all over her body and an injury to her right leg that still requires her to use a wheelchair.

"It's a wonderful feeling, seeing that these people do care about us," Floyd said of the crowd's reaction. "They don't want us getting hurt. And I think that showing that females are getting injured, too, really touched them."

Floyd's mother, Quilla French, and Walter Reed Army Medical Center personnel Capt. Alexander Aristizabal and Master Sgt. Carlos Borges accompanied the Soldiers to the



Spc. Rosetta Floyd shook the hands of plenty of fans who stopped to thank her for her service at the Oct. 31 Washington Redskins game against the Green Bay Packers.



Sgt. Orlando Gill chats with a fan during the first quarter of the Washington Redskins game against the Green Bay Packers

game. The Army's Operation Tribute to Freedom, an outreach program that supports recognition of Soldiers, assisted with coordinating the Soldiers' participation.

The injured Soldiers were presented with plaques by Military Order of the Purple Heart officials Richard Gallant, executive director; Grant Acker, national legislative director; and Ransom Jordan Jr., national sergeant-at-arms.

The organization has inducted roughly 300 servicemembers with lifetime memberships, some presented at public events like the Redskins game and others at hospitals like Walter Reed and Bethesda, Gallant said.

"We're going to be doing a lot more," Gallant added.

The appreciation flowed off the field as well. Everywhere the Soldiers went — from the Redskins tailgate party to their seats in the stands — fans, umpires, players and team officials stopped to shake their hands and thank them for their service.

Jones, 32, was serving with the 1st Battalion, 201st Field Artillery of the West Virginia National Guard when he was injured Aug. 29. Jones was gunning a Humvee when the vehicle was ambushed with an

improvised explosive device and small arms fire south of Baghdad. He suffered severe nerve damage in his left arm, numerous holes in his legs and shrapnel wounds all over his body.

The gratitude of strangers and getting the VIP treatment from the Redskins organization was a bit overwhelming, Jones said.

"It's an honor and a blessing. It makes you proud to have done what you've done," Jones said.

Being treated like a hero makes him a little uneasy, Jones said. When he thinks of a hero, his mind takes him to the scene of the ambush and the moments after when he wasn't sure he was going to make it. Two buddies — sergeants Haney and Bennett — kept him going, he said.

"I'd have been dead if it weren't for them," Jones said. "They are my heroes."

And while he enjoyed the Redskins experience and the recognition, Jones hopes the public will stay focused on the men and women in uniform who are away from home, serving their country not just in Iraq and Afghanistan, but in places like Bosnia and Haiti as well.

"I don't want people to forget the Soldiers that are fighting and getting hurt all over the world," Jones said. "Although this is very pleasing, I don't want to get caught up in the excitement and forget about the Soldiers that are still out there."

"It just shows that while a lot of people might oppose what's going on, they support the Soldiers,"

—Sgt. Orlando Gill

'Turbo' center kick-starts Soldiers' Korea tour

Area III Public Affairs Office

CAMP HUMPHREYS — When the Turbo One-Stop In and Out-processing Center officially opened in September, two U.S. Army Area III Support Activity Soldiers rolled up their sleeves and got down to business.

"We work with various Area III organizations, tenant units and personnel and finance specialists to get incoming Soldiers off to a good start," said Sgt. 1st Class Rox Vancourt. "We also make it easier for Soldiers to out-process before leaving the area."

She and Staff Sgt. Melvin Henry turn on the lights at the beginning of each day and turn them off before leaving for the evening. In between, Soldiers arrive each day at 8:30 a.m. from Area III tenant units to be briefed on such important matters as pay or personnel issues, equipment issue or turn-in appointments and other administrative matters all at one location.

"Before the Turbo One-Stop opened, Soldiers had to visit a lot of different locations to in- or out-process," said David Satterfield, administrative officer for the Area III Directorate of Personnel and Administration. "We have consolidated most of those locations into one area and Soldiers no longer have to walk all over post."

The center is on the second floor of building S-544 behind the Camp Humphreys Health Clinic, a three-story building that underwent a \$388,000 renovation beginning in



Soldiers work on computers at the Area III Turbo In- and Out-Processing Center to update their military records. As many as 35 Soldiers can be processed each day.



Sgt. 1st Class Rox Vancourt checks personnel files at the Area III Turbo In- and Out-processing Center.

PHOTOS BY STEVE DAVIS



Staff Sgt. Melvin Henry collects personnel records before an in-processing briefing.

March.

Warrant Officer Stacey-Anne Gordon, chief personnel officer for Detachment B, 516th Personnel Services Battalion calls the new center a "one-shot, one-kill" deal.

"After Soldiers report to their unit, they are sent to the Turbo In-processing Center to update their records, be briefed and get an appointment to draw their field gear," said Gordon. "They usually pick up their field gear the next day, and that's it."

The center, which can process as

many as 35 Soldiers each day, has computer workstations to help speed up the process. Many personnel and finance documents that were once filled-out by hand can now be completed online at Army Web sites.

One-stop in-processing centers have been popular at Army bases for some time, particularly in the United States.

Sgt. 1st Class William Surgeon, newly assigned to the 1st Battalion, 43rd Air Defense Artillery at Suwon Air Base from drill sergeant duty at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., said most bases he's been assigned to have

one-stop service centers.

"I can remember what it was like before one-stop in- and out-processing became popular," said Surgeon. "Soldiers spent a lot of time walking around post trying to find all of the places on their in-processing checklist."

Though out-processing has not yet been consolidated, Area III Director of Personnel Administration Jon Grayson said ways are being sought to make out-processing easier.

"We are always looking for ways to improve the process and make it easier on Soldiers," said Grayson.

Newly arrived Soldiers asked to help prevent crime

Sexual assault, human trafficking get special emphasis

Area III Public Affairs Office

CAMP HUMPHREYS — Among the stream of briefers at the new Turbo In- and Out-processing Center is one who hopes to keep Soldiers out of trouble during their stay in Korea.

Each weekday, an agent from the local Criminal Investigation Division talks to newcomers about local crime trends, including travel pay and basic quarters allowance fraud, black marketing, drug use, sexual assault and human trafficking.

Agents rotate briefing duties, and on Nov. 2, the briefer was Special Agent Duane Mitchell, who urged Soldiers to avoid situations that may get them in trouble.

"The command is very clear about

sexual assaults and human trafficking," said Mitchell. "The message is, 'Don't do it.'"

Mitchell told Soldiers about Army and U.S. Forces Korea policies to prevent human trafficking, as well as the Republic of Korea government's recent peninsula-wide initiative to halt prostitution.

He also told them that the drinking age for Soldiers both on- and off-post is now 21 due to a recent policy change.

"There is a clear connection between drinking and sexual assaults," said Mitchell, adding that sexual assaults typically are initiated by someone the victim knows, perhaps even a friend.

He urged them to report other crimes sometimes committed by Soldiers.

They include:

Fraudulent travel pay claims: Some Soldiers try to cheat the government on claims for travel expenses. He encouraged Soldiers to claim only expenses that can be verified and for which they may have receipts.

Basic Allowance for Quarters fraud: While in Korea, un-accompanied Soldiers continue to draw quarters allowance based upon a cost-of-living index for location where their family members reside in the U.S.

"Don't falsely claim they live in a high-cost area when they really don't," said Mitchell. "The consequences can be serious."

Black marketing: Transferring post exchange, commissary or mail order items to unauthorized Korean citizens may violate the Status of Forces Agreement. Mitchell encouraged Soldiers to consult their nearest legal



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Special Agent Duane Mitchell briefs Soldiers at the Camp Humphreys in-processing center.

assistance office for gift-giving limits.

Illegal drug use: Korean drug stores are off-limits to Soldiers. Mitchell said some over-the-counter drugs may contain drugs that may cause a Soldier to test positive if given a random drug test.

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Pediatric Dentist

A pediatric dentist will be available at the Camp Humphreys Dental Clinic from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 18. Dental exams for children 12 and younger will be available on a limited basis. For appointments or more information, call the 618th Medical Detachment at 753-6559.

All-Star Soccer

A U.S.-KATUSA Soldiersoccer match will be 6 p.m. Thursday, pitting the area's best American and Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army players against each other. All Soldiers, civilians and family members are invited to attend and cheer for their favorite team. For information, call 753-8810.

Thanksgiving Cooking Class

Learn how to cook a Thanksgiving dinner at a cooking class being offered Nov. 19 at the Camp Humphreys Army Community Service. Pre-registration is required. For information, call 753-8782.

Class for Latchkey Kids

"Safe on My Own," an American Red Cross class for children ages 10-11 who sometimes spend time at home by themselves after school while parents work, is being offered from 10 a.m.-noon Nov. 20 at the American Red Cross. Cost is \$10. Pre-registration is required. For information, call 753-7172.

Retiree Spouse Briefing

The Area III Retiree Council will host a benefits briefing for all spouses and widows of retirees 1-3 p.m. Nov. 21 at the Camp Humphreys Community Activities Center. A health screening will also be available for retirees. For information, call 753-8401

Officiating Clinic

Area III Morale, Welfare and Recreation will sponsor a basketball officials and coaches clinic 10 a.m. Nov. 21 in the MWR conference room in building 252. For information, call 753-8810 or 753-8811.

Turkey Trot slated

The Turkey Trot five and 10-kilometer runs will be 8 a.m. Nov. 25 at the Camp Humphreys post gym. Registration begins at 7 a.m. For more information, call 753-8810.

Area III Turkey Bowl

The Area III Turkey Bowl flag football games will be held tentatively beginning at 10 a.m. Nov. 25 at Soldiers Park on Camp Humphreys. Teams from Camp Humphreys, Camps Eagle and Long, and Suwon Air Base will compete. For more information, call 753-8810.

USO Tours

The following tours have been scheduled by USO In-Country Leisure Travel. For details, call 753-6281.

- DMZ and tunnel tour, Nov. 20
- Yoju pottery tour, Nov. 20
- Mt. Kwanak hiking tour, Nov. 21
- Jeju Island tour, Nov. 25-27
- Seoul Land Amusement Park, Nov. 28

Hometown News Releases

Promotions, reassignments, awards and participation in major field training exercises or sports events are important activities in a Soldier's career that can be recognized in a hometown newspaper. Let the folks back home know. Submit a signed DD Form 2266, Hometown News Release, to the Area III Public Affairs Office, Building S-728, at Camp Humphreys. For more information, call 753-8847.

Youth Scene

Spidermen, pixies fill halls with laughter at first Army Family Housing Halloween



By Liz Juergens

Youth Scene reporter

CAMP HUMPHREYS – The first-ever trick-or-treat at Camp Humphreys' Army Family Housing was a fun-filled night as kids eagerly showed off their costumes while running door-to-door and floor-to-floor receiving handfuls of candy.

The halls were filled with children, laughing and having a wonderful time as their bags began to fill with candy.

Though family housing opened in September 2003, a few families had settled in by Halloween and the whole building was ready for spooks, goblins and other characters this year.

"I dressed as Ashlee Simpson because I look at her as a role model

and one day I hope to be a singer," said Becky Almquist, 11.

Kailea Greig, 12, dressed as a Pixy, said, "Kids usually want to be something scary, but I wanted to be different."

While little boys dressed as Spiderman and Batman, some young girls posed as princesses and fairies. Jackie Holtorf, 3, was dressed as a Unicorn.

"I'm a horsey... maybe an acorn!" she said cutely when asked about her costume.

Teens also participated in the Halloween event.

Melinda Prescott, 15, said the reason she dressed in a black butterfly costume was, "I thought it was cute and original."

Most surprisingly, some moms dressed as witches. Parents felt trick-or-treating this year was a positive and enjoyable event for the entire community.

"It was wonderful to see our neighbors throughout the building and meeting new families who had recently moved in. It made housing seem more like a community instead of just an apartment building," said Carol Jessee. "As a parent I felt it was very safe and a great time for the children."

Trick-or-treating in family housing was a success and everyone is looking forward to other holiday firsts at Army Family Housing.

Spiritual Fitness Day set for Nov. 19

Area III Public Affairs Office

CAMP HUMPHREYS — A Thanksgiving Spiritual Fitness Day will be held Nov. 19 to enhance the spiritual, mental and physical strength of Area III Soldiers and family members.

Chaplain (Maj.) Matthew B. Ahn, Area III command chaplain, said there will be three phases during the day.

The first phase will be a Spiritual Fitness Walkathon beginning at 6:30 a.m. on Freedom Field next to Area III headquarters.

Following remarks from an Area III command group representative and

inspirational words from the chaplain, Soldiers and family members will stretch and then walk two miles together. There will also be a cool-down stretch, prayer and fellowship with entertainment, Ahn said.

The second phase is a prayer luncheon that will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at the Camp Humphreys Community Activities Center ballroom. Hosted by the Area III Chaplains Office, the luncheon will feature keynote speaker Rev. Billy Kim from the Suwon Central Baptist Church.

Phase three of the Thanksgiving Spiritual Fitness Day will be a concert

by the Children's Choir of Suwon Central Baptist Church. The concert begins at 1 p.m. at the Community Activities Center ballroom.

Participants are asked to wear casual physical fitness uniforms or clothes for the walkathon and casual civilian clothing or Battle Dress Uniform for the prayer luncheon and concert.

"The Area III Unit Ministry Team is pleased to host these events," Ahn said. "The Spiritual Fitness Day is a great way to begin the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. We invite the entire community to participate."

U.S. racquetballers enter Korean tournaments

Area III Public Affairs Office

CAMP HUMPHREYS — Korean racquetballers are getting some "foreign" competition from three Americans aching for some good tournament play.

Master Sgt. Michael Martori, Department of Defense civilian Stuart "Curly" Karmelin, and Miriam Cruz became the first U.S. personnel to take part in racquetball tournaments sponsored by the Korean Racquetball Federation in Ansan and Anyang Oct. 23 and 30. The tournaments were the 2004 Ansan Racquetball championships and 2004 Anyang Racquetball Championships.

Martori, from the 557th Military Police Company, and Karmelin, from the 501st Signal Company at Camp Humphreys, entered the Men's red division, which had 24 participants in Ansan and the B Division with 41 participants in Anyang. Cruz, from 8th Army G-3 Resource Management at Yongsan, entered the women's white division with seven other female participants in Ansan, but was not available for the Anyang tournament.

Martori, playing in his first Korean tournament (Ansan) was able to get to the finals of his mini bracket, defeating two players along the way before succumbing to the mini bracket champion. He then beat the other main bracket runners-up to claim fourth (Bronze) place overall in red division. In the Anyang event, Martori was given a bye for the first round, won his second round match and then lost in the round of 16.

Karmelin lost his first match (Ansan) placing him in the consolation, green division. He then proceeded to get his game going and completed four straight victories to obtain first (Gold) place in the green division. Karmelin was also given a first round bye in the Anyang tournament. He then won his next 2 round matches before losing in the quarterfinals.

Cruz played in a round-robin at Ansan against the other six players within her division. She defeated five of the six players to receive second (Silver) place in the white division. It was her first tournament.

"We were well-received by the Korean Racquetball Federation, the players, fans and the local community," Cruz said. "They were very patient with the language barrier, and the atmosphere was warm and friendly."

Cruz gave a special thanks to Lee Sang-soo, the Korean Racquetball Association staffmember who invited the Americans and helped them register.

Karmelin said "it was great to play with our Korean hosts."

"One thing that sticks out in my mind is the crowd," he said. "Though they had favorites, they still cheered for anyone who played well. All of us ended up with some fans of our own."

Martori called playing in a Korean Racquetball Federation tournament "fantastic."

"Racquetball is an international language," he said. "The players and staff at both locations were fantastic."

All three players said they are looking forward to the next competition and encourage other players to attend with them.

Soldiers attack tobacco habit

'Great American Smoke-out' sets tone for local prevention program

Area III Public Affairs Office

CAMP HUMPHREYS — His five-year-old niece was the one who begged Spc. Peter Hilger to stop smoking.

"While I was on leave in the States, she kept bugging me to stop," said Hilger, a 377th Medical Company supply specialist who had been smoking off-and-on for more than 17 years. "My father, aunt and uncle had all died of cancer and I figured I ought to quit before it happened to me."

Hilger, who admits that he still struggles to beat the tobacco habit, sought help at the Camp Humphreys Health Clinic.

Preventive Medicine Coordinator Marci Torres said Soldiers and authorized civilians and family members can participate in smoking cessation classes at the clinic.

"The 'Great American Smokeout' on Nov. 18 is a great time to make a decision to stop smoking or chewing. We can help," said Torres, who works with Community Health Nurse Maj. Kirsten Anke to counsel clients on tobacco cessation.

Torres, who coordinates 18th Medical Command health education programs for Area III, facilitates the

classes.

"The tobacco cessation classes help people identify triggers and develop strategies to kick the habit," she said. "There are behavior modification techniques introduced in our tobacco cessation class that may help people who are trying to quit."

Anke provides counseling, coordination of care and follow-up for clients on medication regimes that may include nicotine patches, Zyban or gum, as prescribed by their medical provider.

"One of the best ways to stop is to attend our classes and form a support group with others who are trying to stop," said Torres. "It's easier to quit if you have others to support you."

Torres advises to "set the stage" in order to stop the tobacco habit. That includes listing reasons to quit, setting a target date, beginning an exercise program, drinking plenty of water, and tapering off gradually.

"We can teach you how to handle urges, handle stress and form new habits," said Torres. "With support, it is entirely possible to quit."

Tobacco cessation classes are offered at 3 p.m. every Tuesday at the Camp Humphreys Health Clinic. For more information, call 753-7657.

'Right Arm' night planned

Unit commanders invited to honor the person they depend on the most

Area III Public Affairs Office

CAMP HUMPHREYS — An Area III "Right Arm Night" will be held 6:30 p.m. Nov. 24 at the newly opened Commander's Community Center to honor the people commanders depend on the most.

"This is the inaugural event at the Commander's Community Center," said Area III Commander Michael J. Taliento Jr. "I encourage all commanders, directors and leaders in the area to invite and escort that one person they depend on the most in completing their mission."

Refreshments will be served.

Area III Command Sgt. Maj. Robert R. Frace said it should be interesting just to see who is considered the "Right Arm" person in each unit, directorate or staff section.

"This is a great way to recognize those Soldiers and civilians without whose help we could not get the mission done," said Frace. "It's also a great opportunity to generate camaraderie and community spirit."

The Commander's Community Center in building 1243 near the Flaming Dragon dining facility



PHOTO BY STEVE DAVIS

The Commander's Community Center across from Zoekler in building 1243 awaits remodeling before "Right Arm Night," its inaugural event.

across from Zoekler Station is being painted and decorated for use by the community.

Frace said the building is a much needed addition to the community.

"We have needed a place to hold small gatherings," he said.

Most events, regardless of size, are currently held at one of the clubs on Camp Humphreys or at the Community Activities Center.

Frace said the Commander's Community Center will be maintained and operated by Area III Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

Units and other organizations that wish to use the center should call the Camp Humphreys Community Activities Center at 753-8855.

527th MI Bn. takes 8th Army football tourney

Mistakes doom 36th Signal Bn.

By Cpl. Oh Dong-keun
Area IV Public Affairs Office

CAMP WALKER – Some of the Army's best athletes in Korea gathered in Area IV Nov. 4 through Saturday to determine who deserves peninsulawide bragging rights in flag football.

The 2004 8th U.S. Army company-level flag football championship, held at Camp Walker's Kelly Field, drew eight teams, the best two teams from each area. The double-elimination tournament featured some fierce competition with a home-team favorite falling in a closely contested championship game.

A two-point conversion and imprudent penalties were the key factors as Company A, 527th Military Intelligence Battalion from Camp Humphreys captured the championship after a come-from-behind victory over Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 36th Signal Battalion from Camp Walker 20-18 Saturday morning. The 527th finished the tournament undefeated.



PHOTO BY GALEN PUTNAM

A 36th Signal Battalion defender misses the flags but manages to slow down Brian Vassalli, Company A, 527th Military Intelligence Battalion, during the 8th Army flag football championship game Saturday at Camp Walker's Kelly Field.

The 36th got off to a strong start in the championship game after scoring two quick touchdowns, thanks to a few long passes and a couple of penalties on

the 527th. The 527th was able to get back in the game before halftime, however, after a 15-yard personal foul penalty on the 36th kept alive a 45-yard

touchdown drive.

On the ensuing drive, the 36th had a chance to put themselves up again by two touchdowns, but another penalty wiped away the opportunity.

With little time remaining in the first half, the 36th marched down the field neutralizing the defense with their option offense. A play that appeared to be a 36th touchdown was called back when a flag was thrown on the offensive line, taking the touchdown away.

As the second half started, momentum shifted to the 527th after quarterback Gregory Dunn threw a 5-yard touchdown pass to tie the game at 12 each.

Not wanting to disappoint the home-field crowd, the 36th mounted a seven-play, 64-yard touchdown drive, following an acrobatic interception at their 16-yard line, preventing a potential 527th touchdown.

The 36th couldn't quite seal the game with the touchdown, though, as they failed to cash in the two-point conversion, leaving a breathing room for 527th to catch up.

After their 65-yard kickoff return for a potential game-tying touchdown had been called back for an illegal blocking

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Snack Time Supervisors



PHOTO BY SGT. OHN SANG-JOON

About 30 children from Seogang Preschool in Gyeongsan City look on as Kim Hui-chun, a cook at the Camp Carroll Child Development Center, prepares snacks during a tour of the installation Nov. 3. The preschoolers and three teachers also visited the Camp Carroll fire station and physical fitness center. It was the first visit to the installation by a group from the school.

Consular services offered in Busan

CAMP WALKER — U.S. Embassy officers will be at the American Corner in the Busan Metropolitan Simin Library 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Nov. 22 – 23 to provide consular services.

American citizens who wish to file applications or get more information about passports, Consular Reports of Birth Abroad, Federal Benefits, voting information and notarials, may come in during this time. For more information, check out their Web site at www.asktheconsul.org.

Winter Formal set for Dec. 11 at Evergreen

CAMP WALKER — The 19th Theater Support Command will host a Winter Formal 6:30 p.m. Dec. 11 at the Evergreen Community Club.

The event is open to all Soldiers and civilian employees in Area IV. The cost is \$25 per person, which includes meal and entertainment. The uniform for military personnel will be Mess Dress Blues, Class A's with white shirt and bow tie or tuxedo with bow tie for men and long or short formal evening dress for women.

For more information or to purchase a ticket, call Sgt. Maj. Shirley Kerlygan at 768-7423.

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Mayoral Elections

Mayoral elections for Camps Walker and George are currently taking place until Monday. The Area IV Army Community Service is taking nominations through today. Candidates and voters must be residents of their respective installations, and 18 years of age or older. Ballots and ballot boxes are located at the Area IV Army Community Service on Camp Henry, Post Exchange and commissary on Camp Walker. A ballot box is located at Taegu American School. For more information, call Cindy Bisacre at 768-7232.

Quartermaster Ball

The 3rd Annual Association of Quartermasters – Busan Chapter Quartermaster Ball will be 6 p.m. today at the Paradise Hotel in Busan. Cost is \$35 per person. For more information, call 2nd Lt. Erin Meyer at 763-7881.

Camp Carroll Tent Sale

The Camp Carroll Post Exchange is hosting a tent sale 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. today and Saturday at the Post Exchange parking lot. The sale will feature SSSC items and other various items. For more information, call the post exchange at 765-8330.

Commissary Schedule

All Area IV commissaries, including Daegu, Camp Carroll, Busan and Chinhae, will be open Nov. 22 for early Thanksgiving shopping and closed Nov. 25-26. Check local commissaries for operational hours.

5-Kilometer Fun Run and Walk

The Area IV Equal opportunity will be celebrating the Indian/Alaskan Native Heritage Month with a 5K Fun Run/Walk 8 a.m. Dec. 4 at Camp Carroll gym. Registration begins at 7:15 a.m. For more information, call Master Sgt. Matthew Delay at 768-8972, Sgt. 1st Class Monte Tartt at 768-6764, or Sgt. 1st Class Stephanie Buxton at 768-8542.

Christmas Tree Lighting

The Area IV Christmas tree lighting ceremony will be 6 p.m. Dec. 6 at the Camp Walker Soldier Memorial Chapel. For more information, call Chaplain (Maj.) Richard Bendorf at 764-5455.

Fund Raising Opportunity

The Taegu Spouses Association is offering an opportunity for approved organizations to raise money by wrapping gifts at the Camp Walker Post Exchange in December. The money raised will be returned to the organizations. Family Readiness Groups will have priority. Applications are available at the Apple Tree. For more information, call Jaime Dixon at 768-7810.

Scholarship Available

Applications for the Scholarship for Military Children Program are available at Area IV commissaries. Completed applications are due at the commissaries by Feb. 16. For more information, call Alan Esperas at 764-5310 or visit www.militaryscholar.org.

Travel During Curfew

Travel between installations and to or from residence and or workplace during curfew hours is authorized for all U.S. servicemembers and civilian workforce according to Paragraph 3 d. (4) of USFK Fragmentary Order #05-01 (Updated Force Protection Enhancements).

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penalty on the return, 527th kept the momentum on the re-kick, with the help of yet another 36th 15-yard penalty. After tying the score on the drive, the 527th scored the two-point conversion, which made the difference on the scoreboard.

The play that really sealed the game, although it didn't appear on the scoreboard, came after the last scoring drive.

On their last chance to turn the game around, the 36th threw a desperate pass deep to left corner of 527th territory. Safety Isaac Cummings came all the way from the other side of the field to make a dramatic interception to end the game.

"I would have to say (the interception) by Sergeant Cummings was the play that got us the championship today," said Owen Ryckman, a defensive lineman for the 527th. "He has been a great player all year, and he came through when we needed him."

"I knew (the 36th) had been picking on our cornerback, so I knew they were

going to go to him in the final moments of the game," Cummings said. "I was happy to get there at the right time."

"I think this is great," said Command Sgt. Maj. David Thomas, 527th Military Intelligence Battalion, who traveled to Daegu with a group of Soldiers to watch the game. "I am very happy for them and proud of them for achieving the feat. We just got done winning the 8th Army soccer, and now we have won football. It's great."

According to Darryl Chandler, facility director for Camp Walker's Kelly Gym, the tournament was a chance to see some of the best athleticism in Korea. It also was an injury-free event.

"It was a great tournament," Chandler said, who served as the tournament director. "We were able to see some of the best Soldier athletes the Korean peninsula has to offer. We had some superb play from players who made me wonder why they aren't somewhere making millions of dollars. I was

especially glad that we could have both teams down from Area I where a lot of Soldiers have been deployed."

Headquarters and Headquarters Service, 1st Battalion, 38th Field Artillery Regiment from Camp Stanley in Area I, took third place after losing to eventual-finalist, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 36th Signal Battalion.

Other units invited to participate in the tournament were Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Red Cloud; Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 52nd Aviation Regiment, K-16 Air Base, Sunnam; Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 18th Medical Command, Yongsan Garrison; Company G, 52nd Aviation Regiment, Yongsan Garrison; and Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 307th Signal Battalion, Camp Carroll.

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PHOTO BY GALEN PUTNAM

Matthew Bing, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 36th Signal Battalion catches a pass as Brian Vassalli and another defender from Company A, 527th Military Intelligence Battalion sandwich him during the 8th Army flag football championship game Saturday at Camp Walker's Kelly Field.

Commissary scholarship program enters fifth year

Defense Commissary Agency

CAMP WALKER — The fifth year of Scholarships for Military Children is open for business. Administered by Fisher House Foundation and funded by the manufacturers and industry supporting commissaries, the program has awarded over \$3 million through nearly 2,000 scholarships to the sons and daughters of active duty service members, Guard and Reserve members, and military retirees.

Applications for the 2005 program are available at all Area IV commissaries (Taegu, Camp Carroll, Pusan and Chinhae), according to store director, Alan Esperas. Applications are also available online at <http://www.militaryscholar.org> and a link to the program will be on <http://www.commissaries.com>, the DeCA Web site. Eligibility and other detailed information

is also available at the program Web site. Applications, which must include an essay on how the heightened awareness of terrorism has impacted the student's life, are due back at the commissary by close of business Feb. 16, 2005. At least one \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded at every commissary location with qualified applicants. "Last year we had one outstanding winner for each of the four commissaries in Area IV," said Mr. Esperas.

"The Scholarships for Military Children program has become a major community event for commissaries since its inception five years ago," said Patrick B. Nixon, chief executive officer for the Defense Commissary Agency. "The program awarded 500 scholarships in 2004 and ceremonies were held in commissaries worldwide in honor of these outstanding students. The industry members who support this program

should be proud – and we hope the fifth anniversary year will be the best yet!"

The scholarship program is open to unmarried children under the age of 21 (23 if enrolled in school) of active duty personnel, Reserve, Guard and retired military. Eligibility will be determined using the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) database. Applicants should ensure that they, as well as their sponsor, are currently enrolled in the DEERS database and have a current ID card.

The applicant must be planning to attend, or already attending, an accredited college or university full-time in the fall term of 2005, or enrolled in a program of studies designed to transfer directly into a four-year program.

The scholarship program can also accept public donations at <http://www.militaryscholar.org>.

Korean military academy cadets visit Camp Walker

By Cpl. Oh Dong-keun

Area IV Public Affairs Office

CAMP WALKER – In recognizing the need for future Republic of Korea Army officers to be familiar with American culture and how U.S. Army operates, the Korea Third Military Academy conducted a field trip to Camp Walker Nov. 3 for its senior and junior cadets.

The commissioned officers of Republic of Korea Army play a large role in military alliance between Korea and the United States. Many of them are assigned to the 8th U.S. Army Republic of Korea Support Group, the Republic of Korea Army unit that serves as a liaison between the two armies, or many other units that work closely with their U.S. counterparts.

“We planned this trip to give the cadets a better understanding of American culture and what the U.S. military does in Korea,” said Christina Choi, an English instructor at the Academy. She planned and organized this trip with the help from her father, Choi Moon-chul, chief of Supply and Service Division for the Area IV Support Activity Directorate of Public Works, who is a retired U.S. Army sergeant major. “I also hope that the trip would give them a chance to practice their English skills.”

The 24 cadets and six professors who participated in the trip had a chance to visit various facilities on the installation including the Korea Theater Network Operation Security Center, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 36th Signal Battalion, Walker Army Helipoint (H-805), and the Camp Walker commissary.



PHOTO BY CPL. OH DONG-KEUN

Capt. Park Jeong-yong, a professor at the Korea 3rd Military Academy and senior cadet Seo Joon-sub look on as Kim Kyo-heon, Korea Theater Network Operation Security Center explains about the equipment.

The first stop for the cadets was at the Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 36th Signal Battalion. They were welcomed by Maj. Mark R. Schonberg, who emphasized the importance of the cadets' future role in the joint forces.

“We cannot operate nor complete missions without the support from Korean people and the government,” Schonberg said. “So I would like to ask for your support in the future, when you become unit commanders, in our partnership.”

The theme continued as the cadets visited the heliport where they had an opportunity to see a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter inside and out and witnessed a helicopter landing.

“I hope this trip gives us and the cadets an

opportunity to establish a sense of partnership between the U.S. and the ROK,” said Capt. Matthew J. Bowman, heliport commander. “I wanted to show them today what we do and that we are excited to be here and to be working with them for their country.”

At the commissary, the cadets were awed by the selection of items it had and how much support the U.S. Soldiers receive for their overall welfare.

“It is very hard to find this kind of support facility for Soldiers in Korea,” said Sagong Chang, a senior cadet. “The camp even has a golf course. I was surprised by the overall cleanliness and how nice the facilities were. I believe these kinds of facilities will boost the Soldiers' morale, and I envy them.”

Cadets said that this opportunity to experience U.S. military and American culture opened their eyes and will help them understand and work together with their American counterparts.

“I have learned a lot today,” said senior cadet Seo Joon-sub. “I think there is a big difference between having this kind of experience and not having one. My understanding of U.S. military and its members has improved and I will be glad to work with them in the future.”

According to Capt. Kim Jin-joon, a professor at the Academy, the school would like to continue to give its cadets the opportunity to experience U.S. military and American culture by visiting the installations.

The Korea Third Military Academy is located in Yeongcheon, near Daegu, and was founded in 1968.

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Project to emphasize national anthem awareness

By Samantha L. Quigley

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – They may not see much by the dawn’s early light, but apparently well over half of all Americans are completely in the dark when it comes to the words of the national anthem, according to a Harris Interactive Survey of 2,204 Americans.

An ABC news poll also showed that roughly 38 percent of American teens didn’t know the actual name of the nation’s official song. It’s “The Star-Spangled Banner,” if you weren’t sure.

In 1931, President Herbert Hoover signed a bill officially making the poem — written by Francis Scott Key in 1814 and set to music by John Stafford Smith — the United States’ national anthem. But it seems that, for various reasons, America has lost its voice, said John J. Mahlmann, executive director of the National Association for Music Education, which still uses the acronym MENC from a prior name of the organization.

America apparently has been at a loss for words for quite a while, Mahlmann said Nov. 4 in an interview with the Pentagon Channel and American Forces Press Service. He and MENC are launching “The National Anthem Project” to reverse the trend.

The project is set to launch March 10, in conjunction with the PBS airing of “The 21st World’s Largest Concert.” The WLC, performed by 8 million to 10 million children, will end with “The Star-Spangled Banner.” Mahlmann and his staff are hoping to get servicemembers in Iraq to participate by singing the anthem, he said.

The project is set to culminate in 2007 with a “record-setting” performance of the national anthem in Washington.

Between the project’s launch and its conclusion, Mahlmann said, a grassroots movement will try to reach students, teachers and communities. The movement is being fostered by partnerships of American organizations that should be concerned about this program, he said. Currently, those organizations include the Defense Department, Disney, the Girl Scouts, the American Legion, A&E and the History Channel.

“We’re looking for a grassroots campaign, first of all. And then we’re looking for activities to take this program on the road to communities throughout the nation, where we can encourage Americans to sing and participate and learn the words,” Mahlmann said. Of course, he said, classroom and music teachers are being encouraged to participate.

One effort to promote the re-endearament of “The Star-Spangled Banner” is already complete. “Liberty For All: A Musical Journey” is a compact disk of patriotic music and American history. Introduced by retired Army Gen. Tommy Franks, the music is performed by “The President’s Own” Marine Corps Band.

Mahlmann said the band was chosen in part because it is the oldest of the service bands, dating back to the 1700s. Proceeds from the sale of the CD will benefit The national Anthem Project and the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation.

Some claim that the national anthem is not known because it’s difficult to sing. “I think it’s difficult to sing, but on the other hand, that’s why we have music teachers,” Mahlmann said. “And our campaign is going to help Americans overcome that and be able to sing the national anthem, as they should.”

School budget cuts share a measure of blame in

the silencing of America, Mahlmann said. And school is where most polled in the Harris survey indicated that, if they knew the song, is where they learned it.

“Our concern ... is that school music programs are under fire and being cut. And that — in school music programs — is where people learn songs, including patriotic songs like the national anthem,” Mahlmann said. “That’s not happening. People aren’t learning the words.”

The cuts are a double whammy, as patriotic music carries with it a great deal of American history, he added.

Five percent, of those polled in the Harris survey claim to have learned the song at a sporting event. This is curious, Mahlmann said, because sporting events are where it is the most apparent that the lyrics are eluding most Americans.

“It seemed ... a very obvious fact that when you go to sporting events, people don’t sing the national anthem or when you see people at the Olympics with their awards ceremonies, they’re not singing the national anthem,” he said.

“When America is under crisis, as we were on 9/11, we saw what Congress did immediately: They went on the steps of the Capitol and sang,” he said. Song is a unifying force that encourages appreciation of what people have, he added.

“It’s something that brings our emotions and our values together through song and through spirit and America’s soul,” Mahlmann said. “And so our goal and our mission through that activity of singing seemed to be an appropriate time to focus on our national anthem, which again, because of people not knowing the words, we should encourage.”

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7. 특수학교교사 -주요업무-

신체 또는 정신적 장애가 있는 아동과 청소년의 재활을 돕기 위해 기초학습 및 각종 기술적, 사회적 학습 프로그램을 수행하고 평가한다. 교육대상자의 장애영역에 따라 특수한 교육내용을 실시하기도 하며 학부모 및 고용주와의 상담을 통해 지속적인 교육, 관리를 모색하기도 한다.

-고용전망-

장애인의 조기 치료 및 교육·훈련에 대한 사회적 관심이 증가하면서 장애아관련 시설이나 교육기관이 대폭 증설되고 각종 교육 및 재활 프로그램이 지속적으로 개발될 전망이다. 이에 따라 각종 시설 및 기관에서 근무하게 될 특수교육교사 및 전문가들의 증원이 예상된다.

8. 직업상담원 -주요업무-

공공 및 민간 직업안정기관이나 직업훈련기관 등 각종 인력관리기관에서 구직자 및 기타 상담희망자를 대상으로 직업선택, 취업처 결정, 직업전환 및 교육·훈련, 실업대처, 퇴직 등의 문제에 대해서 관련정보를 제공하거나 개인적 문제의 예방과 지원에 대한 상담활동을 수행한다.

-고용전망-

해고의 자유 확대, 단기 고용계약의 증대 등 고용과 관련된 제도적, 사회·문화적 환경이 변화함에 따라 이·전직의 증대와 직업훈련에 대한 수요 확대가 진행되고 있다. 이러한 여건 때문에 각종 취업알선기관이 증가하고 있으며 그 결과 직업상담원의 채용 및 취업기회가 증가할 전망이다.

9. 보안서비스 종사자 -주요업무-

청원경찰, 경비원, (신변)경호원으로 불리며 국가 주요시설, 산업시설, 공공시설, 사유재산 및 개인의 신변을 보호하기 위해 경비업무와 보안업무를 수행한다. 주요 업무로서는, 주요 시설물에서 발생할 수 있는 도난과 화재 및 각종 위험요소로부터 부대시설을 포함한 모든 시설 및 장비를 보호하는 시설

경비업무, 현금, 귀금속, 유가증권, 문화재와 같은 고가품과 위험물을 호송하는 호송경비업무, 그리고 사람의 생명이나 신체에 대한 위해 발생을 미연에 방지하고 신변을 보호하는 신변보호업무가 있다.

-고용전망-

사회가 발전함에 따라 범치는 양적으로 증가하며 그 형태와 수법이 고도화, 지능화되는 경향이 있다. 따라서 자신의 재산을 보호하고 신체의 안전을 희망하는 사람들도 증가할 것으로 예상되며 경비와 보안에 대한 수요는 이에 반응하여 계속 늘어날 전망이다. 또한 경비업의 해외시장 개방으로 인하여 외국의 대형 경비업체들이 국내에 진출하게 될 것이므로 보안서비스 종사자들이 이러한 업체들에 소속되거나 용역으로 고용될 기회도 증가할 것이다.

10. 여행안내원 -주요업무-

여행사가 기획, 주최하는 단체관광에 동행해서 관광객들이 쾌적하고 보람있는 관광을 할 수 있도록 도와주며 기타 제반업무를 수행한다. 여행안내원은, 외국인을 상대로 국내관광안내를 하는 관광통역안내원, 내국인의 국내관광안내를 하는 국내여행안내원, 그리고 내국인의 해외관광을 인솔하는 국외여행인솔자(TC: Tour Conductor)로 크게 구분된다. 관광객의 신상 파악에서부터 방문지 정보 수집, 숙박시설 및 항공탑승권 확인, 안내 및 설명, 정산, 관광보고서 작성까지 여행전과정에 걸쳐 관련업무를 수행한다.

-고용전망-

국제적인 문화교류, 국가의 문화산업에 대한 전략적인 육성계획, 문화관광의 증가추세에 따라 관광통역안내원 및 국외여행인솔자의 고용은 증가할 것으로 기대된다. 국내경기의 침체에 따라 국내관광산업이 영향을 받기 때문에 국내여행안내원은 다소 감소할 것이지만 각 지방자치단체별로 관광명소의 특화 및 전문 국내여행안내원들에 의한 관광명소의 안내를 의무화할 경우 국내여행안내원들의 고용 역시 증가할 수 있다.

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Single Consonants														
ㄱ	ㄴ	ㄷ	ㄹ	ㅁ	ㅂ	ㅅ	ㅇ	ㅈ	ㅊ	ㅋ	ㆁ	ㅌ	ㅍ	ㅎ
gu	nu	du	ru, lu	mu	bu	shu, su	ng	ju	chu	kuh	tuh	puh	huh	
Double Consonants														
ㄱㄱ	ㄷㄷ	ㅂㅂ	ㅅㅅ	ㅈㅈ	ㅊㅊ	ㅋㅋ	ㆁㆁ	ㅌㅌ	ㅍㅍ	ㅎㅎ				
ggu		ddu		bbu		ssu		jju						
Single Vowels														
ㅏ	ㅑ	ㅓ	ㅕ	ㅗ	ㅛ	ㅜ	ㅠ	ㅡ	ㅣ					
ah	yah	uh	yoh	oh	yo	oo	you	ue	ee					
Double Vowels														
ㅘ	ㅙ	ㅚ	ㅜ	ㅝ	ㅞ	ㅟ	ㅠ	ㅡ	ㅣ					
ae		yeh		weh	wah	wuh	wee	ui						

Word of the week

약속

o; silent, ㅏ; yah, ㄱ; g(k) / ㅓ; s, ㅗ; oh, ㄱ; g(k)

'yahk-sohk'

appointment (promise)

The phrase of the week

"Do you have an appointment this weekend?"

이번 주말에 약속 있으세요?

Ee-buhn joo-mahl-ae yahk-sohk ee-sue-sae-yo ?

this weekend - an appointment Do you have ?

Conversation of the week

이번 주말에 약속 있으세요?

Ee-buhn joo-mahl-ae yahk-sohk ee-sue-sae-yo?

Do you have an appointment this weekend?

네.

Nae.

Yes, I do.

누구하고요?

Noo-goo-hah-go-yo?

With whom?

친구하고요.

Cheen-goo-hah-go-yo.

With my friend.

어디 가실거예요?

Uh-dee gah-sheel-guh-yae-yo?

Where are you going to?

(극장)에요.

(Guek-jahng)-ae-yo.

To the (theater).

(야구장) (yah-goo-jahng)(baseball field)

(박물관) (bahk-mool-gwahn)(museum)

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